

Bodies sucked from fuselage after explosion over Greece

Three die as mid-air blast rocks TWA jet

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Three passengers on a TWA Boeing 727 airliner, one a child, were killed over Greece yesterday when a mid-air explosion ripped a large hole in the fuselage and caused their bodies to be sucked out. Another child passenger was reported missing.

The bodies were found on the ground. Three other passengers were admitted to hospital but their injuries were said not to be serious. The airliner, carrying 114 passengers and a crew of seven, was on a regular flight from Rome to Cairo via Athens. Thirty minutes before landing time, the pilot alerted Athens control tower that there had been an explosion while the 727 was flying at 11,000 ft above the city of Argos, 87 miles south-west of here.

The bodies of a man identified as Alberto Sino, a Colombian, a woman and a child, both unidentified, were discovered near Argos airfield after a shepherd told the police he had seen objects falling from the plane. A search for the possible fourth victim began.

Mr Dennis Taylor, the TWA pilot, managed to land at Athens airport at 12.35 GMT. Seven passengers were taken to hospital but only three were detained for treatment. One is an American, Mrs Myrtle Simpson from Los Angeles. The other two are a Saudi couple who said they had been sitting next to the Colombian passenger who was killed.

A Greek Foreign Ministry spokesman said the blast was believed to have been caused by an explosive device concealed in the hand luggage of a passenger. The spokesman said "passengers testified that their hand luggage was given only a cursory inspection before they boarded the plane at Rome".

In Rome it was said that only the luggage of the 10 passengers who had boarded the flight there was checked.

Earlier it had been stated that the explosion had occurred between the cargo compartment and the passenger area. It caused a hole 6ft by 3ft wide on the fuselage starboard.

Airline officials said that the plane would have disintegrated if the explosion had occurred while it was flying at its usual cruising altitude of 22,000 ft.

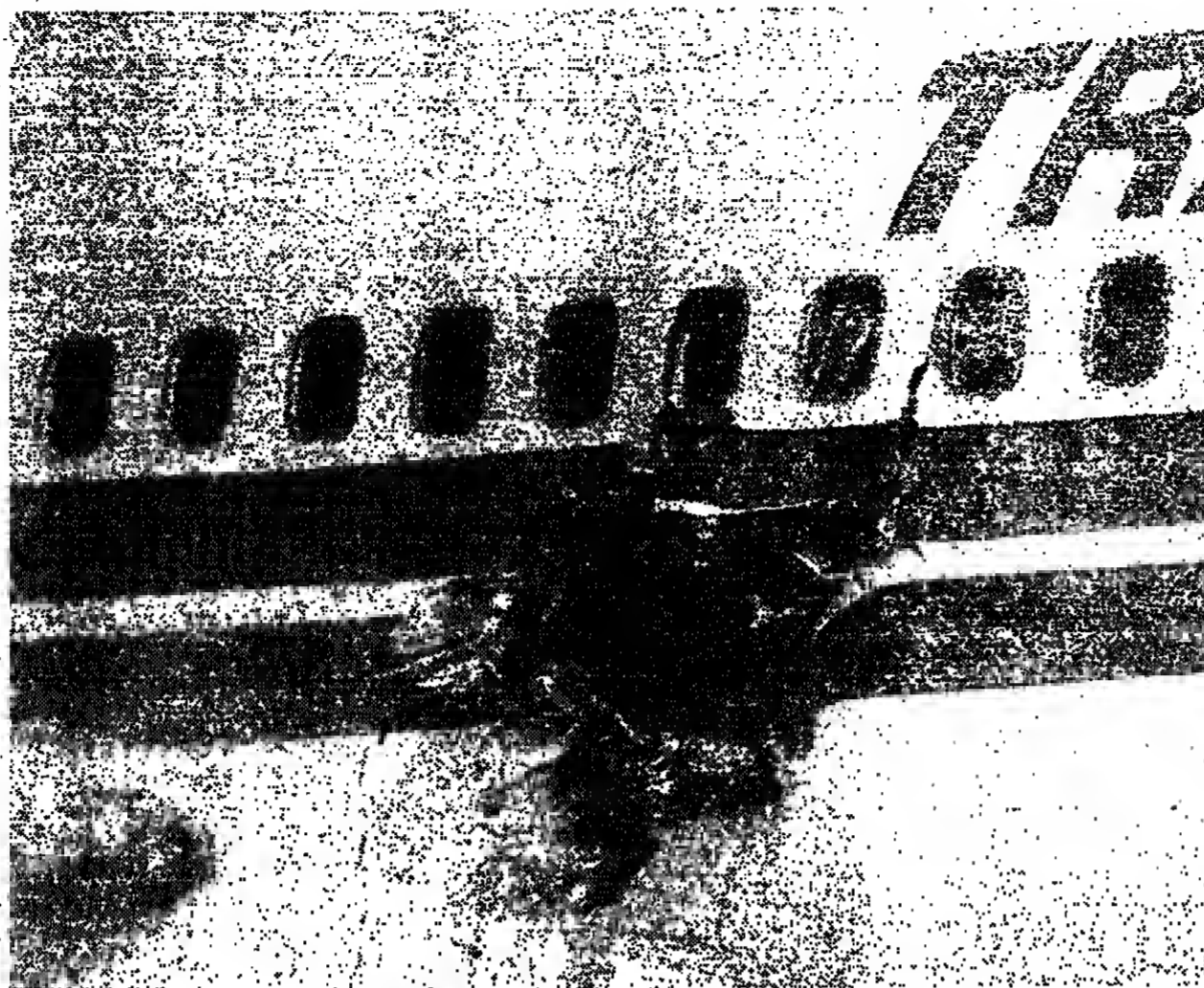
The airliner, TWA flight 847, was on the same route as the plane of the same company which was hijacked by Shia gunmen in June last year after taking off from Athens for Rome. It was then diverted to Algiers and one passenger, a US Navy diver, was killed by the hijackers.

One woman passenger escaped the blast because she left her seat only minutes earlier to go to the lavatory. Mrs Florentia Haniotakis, a Greek-American from Ohio travelling with her two small children, told Reuters she had been sitting next to the spot where the explosion happened.

She praised the seven-member crew and said they had comforted passengers during the emergency landing. "Everyone grabbed their oxygen masks and the crew assured us we would be all right," she said.

Mr Paul Sutherland, an American executive with the Bank of America in Greece, said he heard a big noise and saw the aircraft cabin fill with haze.

Another passenger, Mrs Cora Stimpak, a Japanese-American, said: "No one... Continued on page 16, col 3"



The hole ripped in the TWA airliner's fuselage by the explosion and through which the passengers were sucked

Praise for pilot who flew on

By Michael Baily Transport Editor

Flying and landing a Boeing 727 with a 10 foot hole in its side was "a very good piece of airmanship" by the TWA pilot, according to Captain Mike Clarke, president of the British Airline Pilots' Association.

"The sadness of the loss of life seems to have been contained in the initial seconds, and to have concluded the trip without any further complications suggests a very good piece of piloting", Capt Clarke said last night.

The immediate problem after the explosion would be decompression and lack of oxygen. Flight crew would use oxygen and go down to a height where passengers could breathe normally.

A gaping hole in the side of the fuselage would interfere with airflow and the aircraft's handling qualities in an unpredictable way. But a greater hazard would be loss of hydraulic systems controlling flaps, slats and rudder, which would require emergency action by flight crew.

Normally there are three separate systems and loss of one or two (clearly all three were not lost) would involve delay in activating controls.

It was apparently lucky that the explosive device was close to the side of the aircraft, which meant that much of the blast would go outwards.

City shrugs off gloom as oil climbs past \$10

By David Smith and Teresa Poole

Share prices and the pound moved confidently upwards yesterday, straggling off concern about the collapse in oil prices.

The price of oil moved back above \$10 a barrel, but the outlook remains uncertain. Share prices soared to record levels, the Financial Times 30-share index closing 17.2 points up at 1419.4. The wider FTSE 100-share index moved above the 1700 level, showing a gain of 18.9 points on the day at 1702.9.

The price of North Sea oil rallied on news that the American Vice-President, Mr George Bush, planned to discuss the stabilization of the oil market when he arrives in Saudi Arabia on Saturday on the first leg of a four-nation visit to the Gulf.

He said: "I think it is essential that we talk about stability and that we not just have a continued free fall like a parachutist jumping out without a parachute."

But Mr Bush said he would not tell the Saudis to cut production. Gains of up to \$1.50 a barrel were reported for Brent, the most widely traded North Sea crude, but dealers said the market was very thin and nervous.

As oil prices rebounded, taking their lead from late trading in New York, the International Petroleum Exchange in London was forced for the first time to suspend dealings for a second successive day.

The pound rose by half a cent to \$1.4735 against a generally firm dollar, and also posted good gains against other currencies, including a six penny rise to DM3.4877 against the German mark. The sterling index rose 0.7 points to 76.5.

Despite the weakness of oil prices in recent weeks, the Bank of England stocked up Britain's gold and foreign currency reserves last month.

The underlying rise in reserves, of \$278 million (£189 million), was the biggest monthly increase since January 1981. The actual rise was a much larger \$2.94 billion, mainly because of the annual revaluation of reserves.

As a result, Britain's reserves stood at \$18,750 million (£12,686 million) at the end of last month, their highest level since March 1982.

The renewed rise in share prices reflects the belief that the benefits of lower oil prices more than outweigh any worries about the effects on the US banking system.

International bodies, including the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the International Monetary Fund in Washington, believe that the fall in oil prices will bring about stronger world growth without inflation.

The International Monetary Fund, in its World Economic Outlook, to be published next week, expects 3 per cent world growth this year. Its earlier forecast was for a 2.8 per cent expansion.

For Britain, the London Business School expects the oil price fall to be reflected in a lower rate of inflation next year, 2.5 per cent, than growth in output, forecast at 3.2 per cent.

Petrol set for further price fall

By Teresa Poole

Petrol prices are set to decline further after the recent slide in the oil price to \$10 a barrel.

Oil companies yesterday reported a continuing downward trend, with one industry official describing the scene as a "controlled plummet".

The average price of a gallon of four-star is now 175p, but regional variations across the country mean a wide spread from below 160p to more than 180p. In some areas competition on the forecourts has already eroded the 7.5p duty increase imposed in last month's budget.

A spokesman for Esso said: "The trend in the past few days has been downwards. If Aberdeen fears leading article 2 13

the spot market price of \$10 a barrel works its way through the system and the exchange rate remains stable, then we would expect to see competition increasing and petrol prices coming down."

The price could only drop according to the Mobil, which this week lowered its reference price to match the 179.6p maximum set by Esso, BP, and Shell.

The fall in the crude oil price is likely to bring renewed government pressure on the oil companies to pass on the benefits of cheaper oil to consumers. After the budget, both the Prime Minister and the Chancellor criticized the oil industry for passing on the full duty increase to the motorist.

The price of crude accounts for about 36p of the cost of a gallon of four-star, but any weakness in sterling can wipe out the impact of cheaper crude because oil is priced in dollars.

Sterling has held its ground against the dollar in spite of the sharp decline of oil prices over the past four months which means that cheaper oil is now working its way through the refinery system.

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BL loss soars by 50% to £110m

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

BL yesterday announced pretax losses for 1985 of £110.3 million, a 50 per cent increase on 1984 losses. But Land Rover, the privatization candidate, saw its profits leap from £2 million to £10 million.

BL's preliminary results show that the group's turnover was £3.415 billion, up from 1984's £2.955 billion, with exports totalling £764 million. BL's overall loss, after tax, interest and extraordinary items, was £138 million. The 1984 profit of £80.6 million was distorted by the proceeds from the sale of Jaguar.

The state-controlled group's operating loss of £39.5 million for 1985 was a "significant reduction" from the 1984 loss of £66.5 million, the directors said.

Land Rover was helped last year by good results from Freight Rover. Letters, page 13 Report, page 17

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Pretoria lifts ban on Mrs Mandela

From Michael Hornsby Soweto

The wife of Nelson Mandela, the jailed leader of the outlawed African National Congress, yesterday returned to her home in Soweto after the government lifted all restrictions on her movements for the first time in 10 years.

A defiant Mrs Winnie Mandela told a crowd of oesmen, neighbours and well-wishers who crammed into her garden: "I am grateful to no one, it is my right to be at home, and it is not any particular step towards a change in the government's policy."

Mrs Mandela said it was quite obvious to her now that the government had never intended to release her husband from jail. It had merely given that impression "to hoodwink the world into believing that (it) was moving towards some kind of a reformist programme".

Mr Ismail Ayob, Mrs Mandela's lawyer, said he was told by the state attorney representing Mr Louis Le Grange, the Minister of Law and Order, that the government was no longer contesting Mrs Mandela's appeal against her "banning" order, which, among other things, prohibited her from entering Soweto.

"The effects of that is that she is unbanned but she remains silenced because of the ban on all meetings in the country and because she is still a 'listed' person," Mr Ayob told The Times.

Mrs Mandela has been subject to banning orders of one kind or another almost continuously since 1962. In 1974 she was jailed for six months. In May 1977, Mrs Mandela was banished to a black township near Brandfont, a small rural town in the Orange Free State. Last December, however, the government cancelled the banishment and relaxed some of the other restrictions on her.

Under the modified ban, she was free to live in any black area outside the Johannesburg and Rodepoort magisterial districts, which include Soweto. She was also permitted to attend social but not political gatherings.

The state's decision to abandon its case against Mrs Mandela appears to be a direct result of a ruling last month by the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein which, in effect, required the Minister of Law and Order to give fuller reasons for imposing banning orders.

Meanwhile, Bishop Desmond Tutu yesterday called on the international community to impose "punitive sanctions against this government to help us establish a new South Africa: non-racial, democratic, participatory and just".

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Teachers vote to defy new exam

The education service was thrown into further chaos yesterday when the highest teachers' union voted to continue to teach O level and CSE courses this autumn in defiance of the Government's plans to introduce a new examination for pupils aged 16.

The decision by delegates of the National Union of Teachers at their annual conference in Blackpool was taken in secret session and in opposition to the NUT leadership which argued that the move would alienate parents at a time when the unions needed them. It might also place the union's members in breach of contract.

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, responded swiftly to the decision. He said the new GCSE examination would still go ahead as planned in the interests of raising standards.

Sir Keith said: "Teachers have made much of their wish to win more sympathy from parents. Pupils who start their fourth year of education this autumn have the right to be taught for the new exam. Teaching them for an exam which does not exist in the summer of 1988 will damage them during a vital period in their school careers."

The rebellion by NUT delegates comes after the decision by the second highest teachers' union, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, to continue to boycott the development work for the new examination. But the NAS/UNT is committed only to boycotting the preparation phase and not the examination's introduction.

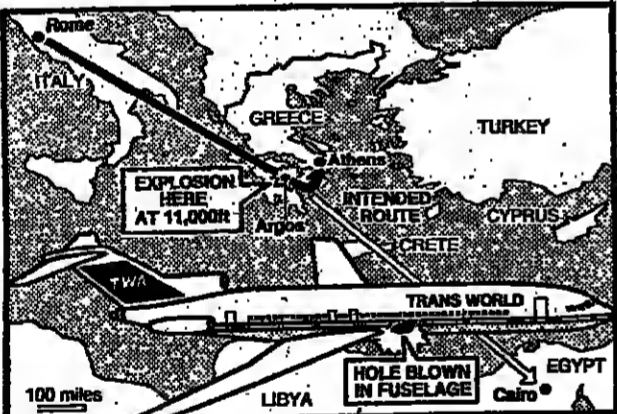
The NUT's motion pledges the union not only to continuing the boycott of preparation and training, but also to continue teaching existing syllabuses until it is satisfied that the new examination is "adequately planned and funded".

In a brief public session in Blackpool, Mrs June Fisher, an NUT executive, was booed when she commented that Sir Keith would not defer the September introduction of the GCSE.

She said: "There are teachers genuinely concerned for the children who are going to be facing the new syllabuses in the coming September term. Those colleagues do not want to see their children disadvantaged."

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the NUT, said: "It demonstrates the strength of feeling of many of our members in the schools. The NUT's leaders are to seek an urgent meeting with Sir Keith to urge a one year postponement and to ask for the extra £100 million which they say is needed for the introduction of the new examination."

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Tomorrow A child in danger



When does a parent's carelessness become neglect?

Law Society finals Full winter examination results

Portfolio The £4,000 prize in yesterday's Times Portfolio competition, double the usual amount because there was no winner the previous day, was shared by two readers, Mr P O Holloway of Chandler's Ford, Havant, and Mr Derek Long, of Brighton, Sussex. Portfolio list page 22; how to play, information service, page 16.

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Loyalists attack homes of police

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The homes of police and Roman Catholic houses and chapels were attacked by hard-line "loyalists" yesterday, in an ominous development of the protests against the Anglo-Irish agreement.

The attacks on police homes is part of an insidious campaign to destroy the morale of a force which unionists allege is being used politically to enforce the agreement.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary said that in the last month 43 police officers had been intimidated and 11 officers and their families had been forced to move home because of intimidation.

The attacks were discussed at a meeting between the police federation, which represents rank and file officers, and Sir John Hermon, Chief Constable of the RUC. Federation representatives expressed the concern of officers that they were being used to

implement politically-based decisions.

Later Sir John met the Northern Ireland Police Authority to give them a detailed account of events at the weekend.

Mr James Molyneux, leader of the Official Unionist Party (OUP), yesterday demanded an immediate end to "outrageous attacks on policemen and their families, together with indiscriminate destruction of property". He gave a warning that Ulster would be reduced to "anarchy and ruin" if loyalists allowed themselves to be used as riot fodder.

Events in Portadown, during which 148 plastic bullets were fired at loyalist rioters, have infuriated many Protestants. There have been loud protests at the alleged indiscriminate use of plastic bullets and in their fury loyalists have

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Motorists begin to benefit from oil price plunge

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Dutch round off small war in Scillies

By Patricia Clough

Mr Jaankheer Rein Huydecoper, the Dutch Ambassador in London, will set out for the Isles of Scilly shortly to declare peace after a war which has been raging unnotified for 335 years.

The hostilities to which he will put an end began in 1651 when the Dutch, angry at the way the Scilly pirates were plundering the ships on their East India route, sent 12 men-of-war under Admiral Tromp to quell the pirates and retrieve their money.

Tromp ordered the islanders, who were the last Royalists holding out at the end of the Civil War, to surrender. They refused, whereupon he declared war.

Before he could go any further, he called the English Parliamentary fleet under Admiral Blake, who said that he could sort out the islanders without Dutch help.

The Dutch Foreign Ministry, searching through dusty documents, found that the islanders were right. It is despatching the Ambassador to the islands some time in the next few weeks, with a document stating that the war is over.

Mr Ray Duncan, chairman of the islands council, said: "The Ambassador will be explaining to the council that although the war between Holland and Britain ended after the signing of a peace treaty, the position regarding the Scillies is unclear."

"The Dutch authorities are having a document prepared at the moment which will bring hostilities to an end."

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Kidnap fears grow for two Britons

Fears were growing yesterday that two British teachers missing in Beirut may have been kidnapped. The British Embassy said its efforts to locate them had produced no clues.

Mr Leigh Douglas, aged 34, a teacher at the American University of Beirut, and Mr Philip Padfield, aged 40, director of the city's International Language Centre, were last seen on Friday night leaving a public house

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County Hall 'to go to top bidder' in massive deal

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

The sale of County Hall, until last Tuesday the headquarters of the Greater London Council, will be the biggest single property deal ever in Britain, the new owner of the building said yesterday.

Sir Godfrey (Tag) Taylor, chairman of the London Residuary Body, which now owns County Hall, said: "It is a unique site worldwide."

Although demolition "must be a possibility", the famous frontage that faces the Houses of Parliament across Westminster Bridge was protected by listing as a historic building.

Sir Godfrey said the aim was to secure a sale of the building as one unit, with its 1,200 rooms, 1.2 million square feet of usable space and five miles of mainly panelled corridors. There is also the lofty council chamber with its throne-like chairman's seat.

County Hall is the largest and most expensive of the 8,000 properties all over the capital which Sir Godfrey's quango has inherited from the GLC. Many GLC buildings have been transferred to borough councils, but the Residuary Body is expected to sell about 4,000, including many freeholds.

The buildings include office blocks and shops, and tracts of land sometimes bought years ago to allow widening of roads that were never widened. Some of the properties were inherited from Middlesex County Council when the GLC was created 22 years ago.

The freeholds include the award-winning shopping mall in old Covent Garden and the Shell centre near County Hall. The residuary quango has become a substantial ratepayer and will soon face a bill for well over £3 million from the Labour-led Lambeth Borough Council for rates on County Hall and the former GLC office blocks between it and York Road.

Lambeth, as a council that

has inherited planning powers from the GLC, will also have a say in deciding the fate of County Hall next year.

The building cannot be sold until a new headquarters has been found for the Inner London Education Authority, which still occupies it.

Arts play on without GLC

The arts will not suffer financially because of the abolition of the GLC and metropolitan councils, the Arts Council claimed yesterday (David Hewson writes). Extra funds from the council, local authorities and regional arts associations will meet the overall sum given to the arts by the abolished bodies.

William Rees-Mogg, Arts Council chairman, said: "The effects will vary, with some parts of the North better off than before and others, notably Merseyside, probably worse off."

In London the council has joined forces with the City of Westminster to secure £4.7 million to replace GLC grants for the National Theatre, the English National Opera, the London Festival Ballet and London Orchestras.

The ENO, the National Theatre and the LFB will also receive 4 per cent increases in their general Arts Council grants. Mr Luke Rittner, the council's secretary general, said that the prospects for arts funding after abolition were now much less bleak than they appeared a few months ago.

The settlement, still under negotiation, should guarantee the future of companies which relied on the abolished bodies for their survival. According to the Arts Council these include the threatened Sadler's Wells and Almeida theatres.

The new South Bank board, which will run the South Bank arts complex in London, is to receive £8.75 million.



The postcard view from County Hall, former home of the Greater London Council, across the Thames to Westminster (Photograph: Bill Warhurst)

Legal moves start over GLC cash

By Our Environment Correspondent

The quango left to wind up the business of the Greater London Council has called for legal advice about the destination of the "absent millions" that were signed away by the council in its final hours.

Sir Godfrey Taylor, chairman of the London Residuary Body, said yesterday: "We are taking legal advice about the whole of the package. We would hope to have it by Monday."

At least £80 million is involved in the legal complications that have interrupted its disbursement to the London boroughs and voluntary organizations chosen by the GLC. There are two key legal points in dispute, and at least one is likely to be resolved when judgement on a GLC appeal is delivered by the Lords next week.

The first point is whether the GLC, which no longer exists, had the power to allocate money for spending as it wished after it had been abolished. The second is whether the council had the power to allocate money to only some of the 32 London boroughs instead of letting the residuary body pay it to all of them.

A total of £78 million was

paid with two cheques last week to Satman Developments, a company formed to continue GLC housing renovation work in the boroughs. All of the contracts for which the money is destined were settled by the GLC in its final hours, and the job of Satman is to hand it out to the organizations chosen by the council.

But Satman has agreed for legal reasons to pay nothing for a month to allow time for legal challenges to the GLC's decision not to pay money to every borough. The money paid to Satman includes about £37 million which the GLC tried to hand to the Inner London Education Authority until the payment was blocked in court. It also includes

£16 million on which a court challenge by Conservative-led London boroughs was withdrawn last month.

The fate of a further £25 million earmarked by the GLC to voluntary "umbrella" groups and not paid to Satman depends on the forthcoming Lords judgement. At least £14 million more has been frozen by an injunction given in the GLC's final hours to Conservative-controlled Westminster City Council.

In spite of the last-minute spending decisions of the GLC, London will escape the steep rate increases being imposed in many of the shire authorities. But the rate bargains do not apply in areas where county councils were abolished on Monday. The latest figures from the Rating and Valuation Association show an average increase in England and Wales of 13 per cent for the coming year compared with 8 per cent in 1985.

Inner London has scored a rate cut of 21.8 per cent, partly thanks to the impact of ratecapping. The average increase in the metropolitan districts, which used to be covered by the abolished Labour-led county councils, will be 16 per cent.



Mr Idris Pearce (left) and Sir Godfrey Taylor, who will decide the future of County Hall

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Hackney	-11
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Maxwell's papers in production

The dispute which stopped production of the *Sunday Mail* and *Daily Record*, Scotland's biggest selling daily newspaper, for three weeks, was settled yesterday.

The 1,000 workers who were dismissed at Mr Robert Maxwell's publishing plant at Anderson Quay, Glasgow, were back at work last night.

The deal reached between Mr Maxwell and leaders of Soget 32, the NGA and the NUJ, was accepted by the workforce in Glasgow.

Month-long talks are to be held on the future of the two newspapers. All workers who were dismissed will be reinstated and there is a guarantee of no compulsory redundancies. Other key points in the agreement were acceptance of a nine-day fortnight instead of a four-day working week, with no more than 25 per cent redundancy in any one department.

Raymond Farrell, aged 30, a painter and decorator of Gritton House, Bethnal Green, was fined £40 by Thames magistrates yesterday after he admitted obstructing the highway near the News International plant in Wapping, east London.

Tory plea for end to drink laws

Abolition of the licensing laws, allowing advertising on the BBC and scrapping the licence fee, were among promises called to be included in the next Conservative election manifesto by the Federation of Conservative Students yesterday.

The sale of the Post Office and privatization of coal, electricity and rail were also among the package of measures proposed in the federation's version of the Conservative Manifesto 1987, published on the opening day of the annual conference at Scarborough.

It calls for promises to bring inflation down to zero and income tax down to 20p; to reform the tax system with the purpose of introducing a single flat rate of income tax; to establish a personal retirement account into which tax-free funds can be paid towards private pensions; to raise VAT thresholds; to provide tax relief for private health care and to end the oeoqual tax treatment of women.

We the People (Federation of Conservative Students, 32 Smith Square, London SW1P 3HH.)

Aberdeen fears end of the North Sea boom

By Ronald Faux

Four drilling rigs lie idle in Aberdeen Bay marking the ominous calm that has fallen on the North Sea exploration programme. A drop in the price of crude oil has sent a detectable shudder through the oil capital of Europe.

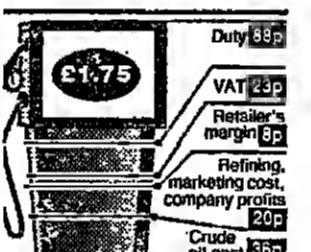
All the main oil companies have announced cuts in their drilling programmes amounting to many millions of dollars. Those are bound to work through the system and eventually reduce the demand for the services Aberdeen has become expert at providing.

The most optimistic feeling in the city is that oil prices will have picked up again before the end of the summer, so that the city might not feel any severe effects from lost trade or lower demand.

One Aberdeen trader said: "The impact is being felt by the oil industry, not by us at the moment."

North Sea oil reaches its peak production this year with 42 platforms off the east coast pumping oil ashore for a much lower return. Mr Jim Henderson, principal development officer with Grampian region, said that nearly all the platforms were producing oil at \$5 (about £3.30) a barrel or below.

The BP Forties field, the first in the North Sea, was producing for \$1.50 a barrel. "They will keep producing and as long as that happens a



strong service industry will be required," he said.

Although the future drilling programme had virtually collapsed - an event that could ultimately delay the development of marginal fields - 36 drilling rigs were still operating in the North Sea, three more than last year, he added.

"There have been minor cutbacks by the drilling companies onshore and the supply side that have cost about 500 jobs, but there are about 22,000 employed offshore and of those only 40 per cent live in the Grampian region."

"As the oil prices firm up at a lower level, I think the service companies might start making themselves leaner as the effect filters down to them."

It may be that fewer staff are replaced and operations rationalized, but it is hard to believe that the pressure for a higher oil price will not have an impact," he said.

The oil price fall

Local authority leaders in the north of Scotland said yesterday that they feared the cut in oil prices would mean less work for the fabrication yards in the Highlands, making a severe unemployment problem even worse.

In Aberdeen, however, Mr Henderson was optimistic about the long-term future. Aberdeen and Grampian region host 150 foreign companies, 120 of them American, on the United Kingdom register. Some have grown to be bigger than their American parents and one has moved its world headquarters to Aberdeen.

Although the high wages and inflationary effects of North Sea oil have kept other new industries out of the city, Aberdeen remains an important fishing port and retains a bedrock of sound traditional industries.

Unemployment is less than 8 per cent, industrial estates and new hotels have mushroomed on the city outskirts, and Aberdeen airport is one of the busiest in Europe.

Cheaper coal for power stations

By Gavin Bell

The sharp drop in oil prices has forced the coal board to cut the cost of its supplies to several power stations and to begin negotiating new general pricing agreements with the Central Electricity Generating Board.

However, the NCB said yesterday there was no evidence that its customers were switching from coal to cheaper oil and no immediate prospect of mounting stocks of unwanted coal.

The CEBG, by far the coal board's biggest customer, confirmed that it had not used its capacity to switch fuel supplies and there had been no

reduction in its purchases of coal.

An NCB spokesman said the initial fall in oil prices in mid-February had resulted in local price adjustments, in agreement with the CEBG, affecting individual power stations.

At about the same time the two boards began discussions over general pricing arrangements and it was hoped an agreement could be worked out soon, he said.

"It is important to take account of the uncertainty in the oil market, but equally we should not be pushed or panicked into any imprudent action. The aim is to reach a

sensible agreement, taking the longer view, in the interests of both our industries and of the consumers," the spokesman said.

The last general price increase, which took effect last November, was less than the rate of inflation for the fifth consecutive year. The NCB could not assess how its income would be affected, but so far it was still on course for its target of reaching break-even point by March 1988.

The CEBG buys about two-thirds of NCB production, which is expected to be about 90 million tonnes per annum during the next five years.

Call for ban on violent students

From Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent, Scarborough

Children who commit serious offences at school, and who abuse or assault teachers, should be expelled and put in an educational establishment elsewhere, the conference of the second biggest teachers' union in Scarborough was told yesterday.

In an emotional debate on violence in schools, directed specifically at the Poundswick High School affair in Manchester, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers voted unanimously to condemn local authorities who insist that abusive and violent pupils should return to the same school.

There were two standing ovations for 18 NAS/UWT members from Manchester, who have been refusing to teach errant pupils for the past six months. As a result they have been sent home with no pay.

Mr Michael Iman, the union's president, announced afterwards that there would be a national rally in support of the Poundswick staff on May 4 in Manchester. There will also be a rolling programme of lightning strike action in Manchester's schools in the first half of next term.

The teachers' salaries are being met by the union at a cost of £2,500 a week. Mr John Hughes, of Beasley, said: "You can hardly expect that a teacher who has been so abused should have any of those pupils in school again."

Referring to a survey of pupil violence carried out by his union last week, Mr Hughes said that verbal abuse and physical attacks on teachers were on the increase.

A teacher from a boys' secondary school in Southampton in the survey said that during the past 14 years he had been assaulted seven times.

Miss Chris Elwood, the union representative at Poundswick, said her members would "stick to their guns" because the issue was so fundamental to standards in education.

A motion proposing that examinations should no longer be exempt from industrial action was postponed for further debate today. It was moved yesterday by Mr Ian Draper, from Northamptonshire, who said that 10 out of 13 NAS/UWT members had left the union at his school because of the recent ACAS settlement.

Petrol set for further fall in pump price

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leading to a steady fall in pump prices.

Oil companies yesterday described the immediate situation as very volatile and confused, and a spokesman for the 1,200 cut-price Jet garages said: "We are waiting to see what happens to the current situation while the level of stocks works its way through the system."

But across the industry expectations were for further price reductions.

A survey of petrol prices by the Automobile Association yesterday showed that Britain has some of the cheapest petrol in Europe, with only West Germany, Luxembourg, and Yugoslavia significantly lower.

Within the Britain, petrol costs varied from 159p in the West Country to 195p in the Highlands. The regional averages for four-star were 171p in the West Country, 173p in the North, 176p in the Midlands, 176.5p in the South-east, and 179.5p in Scotland.

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Sikhs battle for the temples

By Richard Dowden

Midlands in Birmingham, Coventry, Wolverhampton, Derby, and Leicester.

The split within the community opened up after the attack on the temple of Amritsar in 1984 and the assassination of Mrs Indira Gandhi later that year when some Sikhs danced in the streets of Britain to celebrate her death.

There are about 2,000 temples serving the Sikh community in Britain but only 60 of those are large enough to be politically significant. Thirty-two of those are said to be in the hands of the "extremists", that is militantly supporting an independent Khalistan.

Since the Sikh community shares a common meal at the Gurdwaras after the Sunday religious service, to symbolize unity, any faction which controls the temple and its common fund has considerable influence in the community.

present controlled by the extremists.

Dr Jagjit Singh Chauhan, the most prominent of the Khalistan independence supporters in Britain, said yesterday that some of the previous Gurdwaras management committee tried to suppress the opinion of the majority and were voted out.

However, Mr P S Khabra, of the Indian Workers' Association, said that there have never been any elections for management committees of the Gurdwaras in recent years but that many of them have been physically taken over by what he described as "hughish elements of the All India Sikh Students Federation."

There have been serious clashes in Britain between the two groups and the many factions within them. Three moderate leaders have been shot, one killed, and the Indian government has been angered by the lack of action by the British Government against the extremists.

But the British Government argues that it will not take action unless British law is broken.

Loyalists in attacks on police homes

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turned on the police in their homes where they are at their most vulnerable.

A young police reservist recovering in hospital was described as "well" after being shot in the back in his home in North Belfast early yesterday. Loyalists also fired at police officers conducting a follow-up search.

Shots were fired at the home of a reservist in Newtownabbey but no one was injured. In the Shankill Road area of Belfast, the son of a five of a reservist escaped injury when loyalists hurled a petrol bomb through a bedroom window, causing extensive damage to the house which he had recently put up for sale.

Another police officer's home near by was petrol bombed.

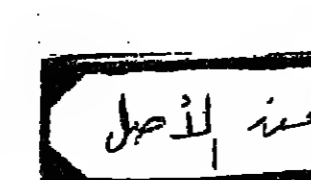
Mr Martin Gittespie, a neighbour of one of the officers, said that the police were Protestants in RUC uniform, and as they had opened up on Protestants, loyalists had a right to retaliate.

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Clydesdale Bank PLC announces that with effect from Thursday 3rd April 1986 it's House Mortgage Rate is being reduced to 12.25% per annum.

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Provision for children after divorce far from adequate, report says

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Children of divorcing parents were forced out of the matrimonial home in about 50 per cent of cases with inadequate, if any, maintenance awarded for them and the former wives, according to a new survey of divorce settlements.

It shows that contrary to the principle that the custodian parent should remain in the home with the children, half the children in more than 100 settlements had to move out, usually because the house was sold.

Awards for children, although frequent, were often inadequate to cover the costs of the children as determined by the National Foster Care Association, the survey says.

It also shows that in spite of the belief that former wives often receive over-generous maintenance awards, the sums ordered for wives with dependent children were unlikely to cover their expenses.

The survey, published in the *Solicitors' Journal*, was conducted at Leeds University on the basis of 105 settlements negotiated by solicitors locally for divorcing couples who owned their own homes.

Miss Margaret Southwell, the research fellow, says every year 87,000 children under 16 are affected by their parents' divorce.

In the survey, maintenance was ordered for the children in 73 per cent of decided cases, and was more frequent where the children were under 10 years old. But the sums awarded were only adequate to cover their needs in 35 per cent of cases.

Where the former wife had custody - which happens in 87 per cent of divorces - maintenance was ordered for her in 37 per cent of cases, the survey shows. Such mothers were more likely to get an order for maintenance where the house was sold than if they stayed in the home.

The sums ordered were unlikely to cover the former wives' expenses. Few custodian mothers were fully compensated for the loss of or reduction in earning capacity resulting from their child care duties, and most received no compensation at all.

The matrimonial home was sold in 32 per cent of cases, with one parent remaining in occupation in nearly 70 per cent of cases; roughly the same figures as for divorcing couples with no young children.

The presence of children was therefore not a significant factor in the sale of the home.

The separation of parents is a traumatic experience, the article says, and judicial practice is supposed to allow the custodian parent to stay in the home with the children. Such practice does not apply in many cases, according to the findings.

Custody was an important factor in deciding which party should remain in the home, but the value of the home was another factor.

The higher the value, the more likely the former husband was to remain, which conflicts with the principle that children's need should be paramount, the article says.

The survey was based on settlements mostly reached between June 1983 and June 1984, before the new Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 which says first consideration should be given to the welfare of children.

Domesday Book is bound to please

By Alan Hamilton

The Domesday Book, rebound into five volumes instead of its original two, goes on display at the Public Record Office in London for the summer from today as part of the celebrations to mark the 900th anniversary of its compilation.

Encased in a steel security cage at the Public Record Office branch at Kew, restorers and bookbinders have been working for several months replacing the previous binding, applied in 1952, which has failed to stand up to the attentions of scholars leafing through the sheepskin parchment pages. Every page has also been photographed for the production of a full-colour facsimile edition to go on sale soon at a cost of £2,500.

King William's survey of his newly-conquered land is treated with reverence by the Public Record Office, who look after it with greater care than in the days when its covers were foot for worms in a below-stairs cupboard in the chapter house at Westminster Abbey.

Dr Geoffrey Martin, keeper of the public records, said in a preview of the exhibition yesterday: "There is no comparable record of such antiquity still in the keeping of the government which ordered it. It is as much a national monument as the Tower of London."

Splitting Great Domesday, covering the majority of England, and Little Domesday, covering East Anglia, into five volumes was to make them easier to handle, Dr Martin explained. Bound into one volume, Great Domesday is nearly nine inches thick.

The exhibition, which portrays life in eleventh-century England, also attempts to explain Domesday, essentially a survey rather than a full-scale census. In keeping with latter-day bureaucratic practice, all returns by the roving commissioners to the book's editors at Winchester had to be filled out in triplicate.

It contains two million words, names 13,418 places, and values England at £73,000. It lists the country as having, among other classes of Saxon peasant, 109,230 villeins, 28,235 slaves, 1,027 priests, 16 beekeepers, and one female jester. It also records the Saxon equivalent of the Consumer Protection Act, in Chester: "Anyone who made bad beer was either put on the dung stool or paid four shillings the reeves."

Widows who had unlawful sexual relations were punished with a fine of 100 shillings, although young girls committing the same misdemeanour were let off more lightly. Breaches of planning regulations, such as building a fence too close to the road, also attracted a fine of 100 shillings.

Dr Martin hopes that the publicity over Domesday's anniversary will encourage original scholarly research into its compilation. "It is the work of one mind, but of several hands. We would like to know more of the various scribes who wrote it."



Edward Peters, aged 11, from Sittingbourne, Kent, with a page of the Domesday Book which traces his ancestry back to 1086 (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Mother fears girl disappeared with person she knew

The mother of Sarah Harper, the missing schoolgirl, collapsed in grief after making an emotional appeal yesterday for the return of her daughter.

Mrs Jackie Harper said: "If she is dead, at least she cannot be hurt any more. But we do hope she is alive."

The girl, aged 10, vanished from her home in Morley, West Yorkshire, last week after going to a local shop for a loaf of bread and crisps.

Mrs Harper, aged 26, was cradled in the arms of her mother, Mrs Marlene Hopton, aged 48, as she spoke publicly for the first time about her daughter's disappearance. She said Sarah would never have gone willingly with a stranger.

After a press conference organized by the police, Mrs Harper buckled at the knees and had to be helped out by her mother and a member of the Salvation Army.

In a shaky voice and clutching a packet of paper tissues, Mrs Harper said: "She is one-third of my life. I just do not know what to say. I cannot remember a right lot to be honest. I just feel so guilty for sending her out, but she had been so many times."

Mrs Harper said: "You just do not think. I just want her back. Even if she is dead, just pick up the telephone and tell us where the body is."

"She would not go with someone strange, not willingly she would not. The last time she ran off and took the registration number of the car. She would not go with someone she does not know. It is someone she knows."

"I imagine someone from the area. I have always drilled it into her, if someone tries to take her, to scream and shout and kick and make as much noise as possible no matter what they offered."

Mrs Harper sat between Det Sup John Stainthorpe and her mother.

As she was helped from her seat, Mrs Harper turned back to reporters and said: "I just want to thank everybody who have done everything. Please, whoever has got her, please bring her home."

Mrs Harper is divorced from her daughter's father, Terry. She has another daughter, Claire, aged nine, and a son David, aged five.

Hundreds of local people have helped police to scour the town, near Leeds, but no trace of Sarah has been found.

Later, Mr Stainthorpe said he was now asking everyone in the Peel Street area of Morley to try to recall where they were last Wednesday evening when the girl was abducted.

He said neighbours should write down or make a mental note of their movements for the police who would call to interview them.

BBC aims for world TV service

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The BBC is to attempt to set up a television version of the World Service, producing one or two 30-minute news and current affairs programmes daily.

The service would be offered to foreign broadcasters and carried on BBC 2, Television Centre and External Services have been considering a television version of the popular foreign radio service for some time, and recently delivered a working party report to Mr Alasdair Milne, director general.

Mr Austen Kark, managing director of BBC external broadcasting, said: "We believe that the BBC is uniquely placed to provide such a service, given its unrivalled reputation worldwide together with the professional and editorial skills available in both External Services and the television service."

"We also believe that a start has to be made if Britain is to remain in the forefront of international broadcasting."

The project team is due to report in August, and has yet to decide how the service would be distributed or broadcast. The Independent Broadcasting Authority advertised yesterday for contractors for three television services by direct broadcast satellite. The would-be franchise holders must apply before August 29.

The winners are due to be announced before the end of the year. The IBA hopes the services will be on the air by 1990. The advertisements follow the failure of the BBC and ITV companies to launch a DBS venture.

Labour to control alcohol adverts

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

Alcohol and tobacco advertisements will face legal controls from a future Labour government, with those that portray women in a "degrading" fashion.

The charter for consumers, launched at a Fulham by-election press-conference yesterday, was immediately condemned by the advertising industry as an unnecessary "puritan charter".

The Labour document says that far too many advertisements give a false impression and carry little or no relevant information, with women portrayed too frequently in a degrading fashion.

It therefore proposes a statutory code of advertising practice to "replace the existing 'inadequate' self-regulatory system. The code would require advertisements to be truthful and seek to discourage 'the degrading or sexist portrayal of women'."

Advertisements "deemed sexist" would include those where women were used although they were not relevant to the products.

The Labour blueprint also proposes:

- A ban on tobacco advertising except where it is sold.
- Strict control of advertising of alcohol and medicines.
- Corrective advertising - with advertisers having to pay for space of equal prominence to an original advertisement found to be misleading.

Mr David Harris, of the Advertising Association, said yesterday that the industry had taken steps to halt the irrelevant use of scantily clad women in advertisements.

"Things are changing but advertisers have to keep a balance between not upsetting progressive, younger women and keeping faith with the older, traditional type of woman."

He predicted that if the Labour proposals come into force it would result in boring advertisements: "I would imagine you would have nothing but product shots and women would hardly appear. Advertisers might be tempted just not to put women in adverts for risk of ending up in court."

Miss Judith Lannon, of the J Walter Thompson advertising agency, said sexism was in the eye of the beholder and while feminist groups complained about the portrayal of women in the kitchen other women did not believe it was degrading. Most people did not find existing advertisements offensive to women.

MP acts on deaf mute

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

An MP is hoping to change the law after the jailing of a deaf mute last year.

Mr Edward Leigh, Conservative MP for Gainsborough and Horncastle, plans to introduce a Bill under the 10-minute rule, amending the procedures for dealing with disabled people who are unfit to plead to charges.

Glenn Pearson, aged 33, of Caistor, Lincolnshire, was jailed for a week and then moved to a mental hospital, where he spent two and a-half months, after appearing at Lincoln Crown Court on a burglary charge.

He was released after a campaign by local people.

Crossroads actor banned

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Harry Nurmi, who plays an Australian barman in *Crossroads*, the independent television soap opera, was fined £200 and banned from driving for 15 months by Marlborough Street magistrates yesterday after he admitted driving while over the legal alcohol limit in Soho in February.

Nurmi, aged 25, of Oakland Road, Moseley, Birmingham, was also fined £50 for jumping bail and given an absolute discharge for driving without a licence. He said after the hearing that the ban would not affect his part in *Crossroads*.

Scepticism on comet virus idea

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The theory that viruses from comets are a source of unexplained epidemics of viral and bacterial illnesses had a mixed reaction yesterday.

The idea is proposed by two eminent astronomers, Professor Chandra Wickramasinghe and Sir Fred Hoyle, and an epidemiologist, Dr John Watkins.

An noticeable aspect of the reaction to such a startling theory was the unusual reluctance of fellow astronomers to give an opinion for the record.

But a leading authority on the structure of viruses, Dr John Skehel, head of virology at the National Institute for Medical Research, said: "I do not think anyone knows enough to say unequivocally what the origin (of viruses) is."

There is a strongly-held view that they may be genetic elements that originated from the break-up of cells.

Dr Skehel believed "it was an unnecessary additional proposal to make a jump into space to look for an explanation for some bouts of illness that lacked a classic epidemiological explanation."

Welsh job scheme 'is success'

By Gavin Bell

A scheme to reduce unemployment and increase participation in sport in Wales has been a success in its first year, according to an independent study.

The report on Operation Sport was published yesterday, only a few days after plans were announced for a similar, but larger, project in England.

The Welsh venture, run by the Sports Council with the Manpower Services Commission, and launched in March 1984, provided 171 places for unemployed people to initiate and supervise sports sessions.

Research by the Policy Studies Institute found that 59 out of 226 people employed in the scheme during its first year had found other jobs. Mr Malcolm Rigg, who produced the report, said: "It confirmed the view that if you have a job, it's easier to get another one."

On Monday the British Sports Council approved a scheme called Action Sport to be run on similar lines in London, the South-west and Yorkshire and Humberside. About 400 people will be employed initially.

Drivers saved

By Ronald Faux

Royal Automobile Club patrols rescued more than 600,000 stranded drivers between last October and February, 36,000 more than in the same period a year ago, officials said yesterday.

Glasgow aims at tourist market

By Ronald Faux

There is a sporting chance that Glasgow will be among the top five tourist cities in the world in the 1990s, Mr Alan Devereux, chairman of the Scottish Tourist Board, said yesterday.

Opening a battered garden in the city, Mr Devereux, never one to make a negative statement, predicted that Glasgow would certainly rank in the top 10, perhaps even the top five.

He did not name the Glasgow's partners in the upper reaches of international tourism but he saw nothing odd about the prospect of the city rivaling Paris, Rome or Vienna.

Batteries are not alone among the city's gentler attractions and although

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Mentally-ill children badly treated in some hospitals

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Some disturbed children are wrongly detained in solitary confinement in homes and others with serious psychiatric conditions are treated in adult hospital wards, according to a health service report published today.

It says that some hospital units for adolescents are "little more than a repository for difficult patients."

Teenagers suffering from mental illness, abnormal behaviour and related problems have been subjected to physical punishment and other harsh measures and many become the victims of "huck passing" within the health and social services.

The report, by the NHS Health Advisory Service, based on visits to health authorities last year, shows mutual suspicion and lack of trust between health, social services and education departments, where staff are often overworked and inadequately trained.

It calls for wide-ranging changes in the care, treatment and management of such children, aged between 12 and 19.

Adolescents requiring special care may suffer because

social workers with heavy caseloads give them low priority. "Social workers should respect the rights of young people to be consulted in decisions about their future," the report says.

"Infringement of individual liberty and legal rights can easily occur in the pursuit of treatment and containment."

A "general national uncertainty" has led to low status being attached to many adolescent services. The investigators found buildings in poor repair, decoration "institutional and shabby," equipment neglected and poor catering.

Lack of privacy for visits and telephone calls and observation without consent using two-way mirrors or video cameras, may all breach young people's rights, the report says.

Some disturbed adolescents find themselves placed in highly restrictive environments, subjected at times to extremely rigorous forms of treatment.

Bridges Over Troubled Waters (NHS Health Advisory Service, Sutherland House, 29-37 Brighton Road, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5AN; £2.70).

One of the unnerving features of the town and country planning system is the way it can creep up, unnoticed. Sometimes, as Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent, reports in the second of three articles, nothing can be done about it.

A photograph of Corner Farm shows a grassy lane and a rustic signpost with a great elm overshadowing everything else. The elm has long since disappeared, not through disease, but to make room for the bypasses and suburbs that now encircle the house.

"It seems a hell of a sight, too easy for developers to get their own way," Mr John Wall said as he contemplated the scene which has replaced that in the 50-year-old photograph. The house is now isolated, a relic of the rural history of Herefordshire where Mr Wall's 500-year-old home is one of the oldest buildings.

Mr Wall, who lives in the house with his mother and Yobbo the cat, is bewildered by what the planning system is doing to his home.

"I was at home with flu one afternoon and I heard an unusual noise," he explained. "There were these guys leveling the ground off. I saw a chap at the end of the lane with a tape and another with a clipboard."

"He said a full planning application had gone in a month before."

When Mr Wall learnt what had been applied for he registered an immediate objection, which was eventually overruled. The result of that rejection now looms behind his home. The old lane where he saw the tape and the clipboard 18 months ago has been turned into a wide approach road with its kerb



Mr John Wall and heavy traffic passing his 500-year-old farmhouse (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

Problems with planning: 2 Warehouse is an historic farmhouse's neighbour



about 15 feet from his wall. At the end of the new road a warehouse the size of a large hangar is being built.

The warehouse is to be the main distribution centre in southern England for consumer goods that will have to be fetched and carried by convoys of lorries.

Mr Wall had hoped to have a weight limit placed on the lorries or a new approach road built along the edge of a sports field, near-by, away from his home.

As a maintenance engineer on a low income he has no experience of planning law and too little money to begin a case against his council, but he believes he has a good case against the warehouse because of the effect of past vibration from vehicles that used the old lane. The new lorries will be larger and closer to his home.

He walked round to the back where brick infilling has replaced the original wattle and daub between the oak struts and beams.

"The wall here has started

to fall out," Mr Wall said. "I am told it would all cost about ten grand to put right."

He is afraid that the house will fall apart when the lorries start their deliveries to the new warehouse later in the year. "It has absolutely no foundations at all. It is built on oak beams supported by a thin layer of rubble."

As the house is officially listed as a Grade Two building of historic interest, Mr Wall called in English Heritage, the quango which looks after the listing of such buildings on behalf of ministers.

The buildings are supposed to be protected against disruption and damage, but there is no widespread agreement about the impact of vibration from passing vehicles.

"I am afraid there is not a lot we can do with an isolated listed building that is not of national importance," English Heritage said.

Mr Wall said he then took legal advice, and was told that for a case to succeed he would probably have to wait for his home to collapse before he sued.

"We are sitting here minding our own business, and this comes along," Mr Wall said.

"I don't want publicity, but I feel that things like this shouldn't happen to anybody."

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Airlines cut cost of flights to US

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Cuts of more than £70 are being offered in the cost of flights across the Atlantic during the next two months, in the wake of sliding oil prices.

British Airways and British Caledonian are each offering a £288 "late saver" return to New York, compared with a normal economy return of £362, and similar discounts are being offered by airlines in the United States until the end of May.

The £288 fare is £70 less than the cheapest fare this time last year. British Caledonian said yesterday that weaker oil prices, available capacity, and a strong pound made this an attractive time to visit the US.

The cut-price airlines, Virgin Atlantic and People Express, are offering returns of £258 (same-day booking) and £266 respectively.

A further discount of about £100 which was to have been offered on normal eastbound Atlantic fares, was abandoned yesterday after the British and US aviation bodies had refused to authorize it.

British Airways has been told by the Chinese government to stop carrying passengers between Hong Kong and Peking, after giving permission to Cathay Pacific to operate the route. BA will continue to operate its weekly London-Hong Kong-Peking service but without local passengers between the latter cities.

Highland Express, which plans to operate cheap flights from Scotland to North America, announced yesterday that it was postponing its launch date until next spring.

Mr Randolph Fields, its chairman, said: "Both the US and Canadian markets show a steep drop in bookings for this coming summer."

Teacher to retire over beating

A teacher who was severely reprimanded for slapping a pupil on a school holiday trip is leaving the profession early because he claims his position has been made intolerable.

Mr Ken Dorrington, aged 59, a geography master, is to leave Fordingale Comprehensive School, Mid Glamorgan, in July, five years before normal retirement age.

He made his decision known yesterday after it was disclosed that Mid Glamorgan Education Authority had made a £700 out-of-court award to a former pupil, Jeffrey Davies, now aged 15, after the incident during a visit to Majorca two years ago.

The complaint was backed by the Society of Teachers Opposed to Physical Punishment.

The boy claimed he was hit about 15 times when mistakenly thought to be misbehaving. But Mr Dorrington of Tonypandy, Mid Glamorgan, claimed he slapped the teenager fewer blows and twice apologized.

Man went berserk in aircraft

Passengers panicked when a man went berserk on board an aircraft flying between Manchester and Glasgow and tried to open an emergency exit and a rear door, a court was told on Tuesday.

The man was subdued after a struggle with his police escort who had allowed him free of handcuffs to go to the lavatory.

At Paisley Sheriff Court, John Gallacher, aged 36, admitted acting recklessly and endangering an aircraft and passengers. He also admitted assaulting a policeman, an air hostess and a passenger.

He was jailed for three months and fined £500.

The court was told that Gallacher, who was a drug-taker, had been taken into custody after being found in a car on the roadside between Chester and his mother's home in Wallasey.

He was being taken to Glasgow to face a charge at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court when the incident occurred.

British poultry leads rise in food exports

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

British food and drink exports last year were worth £4.1 billion, according to customs and excise figures collated by Food from Britain, the marketing organization.

Sales abroad rose by 9 per cent, discounting a drop in cereal exports because of the exceptionally poor harvest. Mr Brian Law, Food from Britain's chief executive said.

The fastest growing categories were poultry (up by 40 per cent), beer (17 per cent), cakes, biscuits and confectionery (16 per cent), and smoked fish (15 per cent). The most important markets were France, worth £517 million (up by 9 per cent); the United States, £496 million (up 10 per cent); the Benelux countries, £427 million (down 4 per cent) and West Germany, £342 million (up 23 per cent).

Frozen chickens from France, Denmark and West Germany have been found to fall short of EEC regulations, according to the British Chicken Service. Independent tests have shown substantial evidence of bruising and confectionery in products reputed to be Grade A, and giblet packs contained lumps of fat.

Robber filmed again

A man shown robbing a building society office in Sheffield on *Crimewatch* on BBC 1 last week has struck again at a building society near by.

The man, who says he has a gun in his plastic bag, was filmed again by a video camera on his latest raid, on Tuesday.

The police have released photographs, but he was wearing a mask.

The robber is believed to have taken more than £9,000 in six robberies in Yorkshire.



Vital clue of missing Calvi briefcase found by Italian MP

One of the world's most sought-after briefcases, the voluminous black bag with the gold initials RC which belonged to the late Roberto Calvi, has reappeared here in the possession of a right-wing parliamentarian.

From Peter Nichols, Rome
Senator Giorgio Pisano, of the right-wing Italian Social Movement, said on Tuesday night that he had bought the briefcase from two unidentified persons for 50 million lire (£23,000). He allowed it to be shown on television before turning it over to the investigators.

Three men who accompanied Calvi on his flight to London took part in the television programme. Signor Flavio Carbono and his assistant, Signor Emilio Pellicani, with Signor Silvano Vittor, described as a retired smuggler, arranged Calvi's escape by way of Trieste, Yugoslavia and Austria.

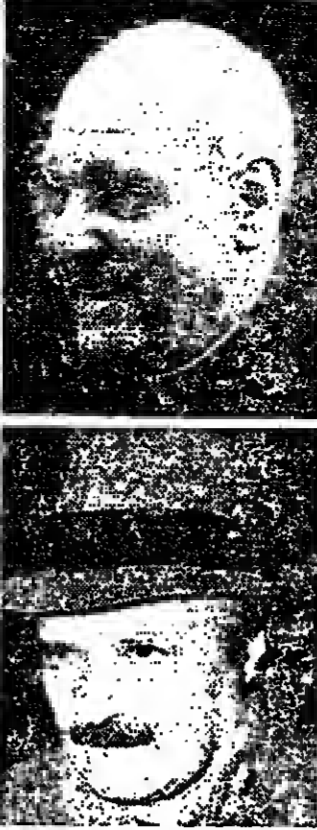
Signor Carbono confirmed that the briefcase was Calvi's and that the dead banker had it with him throughout their journey and during his stay in London.

Signor Pisano takes a different view. He has followed Calvi's career in detail because he was a member of the commission of inquiry into the Masonic lodge known as P2, to which both Calvi and Sindona belonged.

"I think it never got to London," he said. "It never went further than Yugoslavia and Austria. And someone probably took some things out of it."



Calvi's briefcase (left) and Monsignor Paul Marcinkus (top), head of the Vatican bank to which Calvi (below) went for help.



Portrait of Monsignor Paul Marcinkus.

Zhivkov calls for modern style

Sofia (Reuters) - Mr Todor Zhivkov, the veteran Bulgarian leader, opened a congress of his ruling Communist Party here yesterday with a call for a new style of management to bring advanced technology to the Balkan state's economy.

Echoing the self-critical approach adopted at last month's Soviet party congress in Moscow, Mr Zhivkov blamed managers for covering up weaknesses and failures, and attacked a rising tide of absenteeism, lack of order and indiscipline.

Bangui deaths rise to 35

Paris (AP) - Four people injured when a French Jaguar fighter jet crashed into a school house in Bangui, capital of the Central African Republic, have died in a French hospital.

Wrong Caine

Rouen (AFP) - Reports that British actor Michael Caine and his sister had been involved in a car crash here Friday were based on mistaken identity by local police, they said here.

Bush tour

Vice-President George Bush begins a four-nation tour of the Middle East with the Iraq war a key issue on his agenda.

Turks protest

Rome - Mr Musa Celebi and Mr Omer Bagci, the Turks acquitted on Saturday on charges of having conspired to murder the Pope, have protested about having to remain here without means of support until their appeals are heard.

Sihanouk ill

Peking (Reuters) - Prince Norodom Sihanouk, head of the anti-Vietnamese Kampuchean guerrilla coalition, has serious health problems including high cholesterol and kidney trouble, according to his doctor.

Airport fine

Honiara (Reuters) - The former Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands, Mr Solomon Mamanani, has been fined £142 for disorderly conduct, including carrying a lit cigarette near an aircraft being refuelled, at the country's international airport.

Baton theft

Prague (AP) - Police are searching for the thief who stole the baton of the famous Czech composer Smetana from Prague museum.

Honest Bill

Montreal (AP) - Honesty paid for Mr William Murphy, unemployed and on welfare, when he returned a lost lottery ticket worth the equivalent of more than \$5 million and was given more than \$850,000 as a reward.

Zimbabwe customs men freed

From Jan Raath, Harare

Two senior customs officers were freed on the orders of the Supreme Court here yesterday after 41 days of custody that courts have consistently rejected as illegal.

Some observers, however, felt it was still too early to forecast whether attendance would be maintained. In some parts of the country, particularly in the Cape Town area, the back-to-school turnout was low.

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Normal attendance was also reported in Pretoria's Mamelodi and Soshanguve townships where 13 schools were closed by the authorities before Easter.

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Nasa confirms finding shuttle rocket booster

From Mubashir Ali, Washington

A large piece of wreckage pulled from the Atlantic a fortnight ago is part of the shuttle Challenger's right solid fuel rocket booster, the main suspect in the explosion which killed the crew of seven just after takeoff on January 20, a Nasa spokesman said.

This was the first confirmation that the naval salvage team had recovered a key part of the right booster rocket.

The spokesman said the 875lb fragment contained part of the joint suspected in the explosion but it came from the opposite side of the area where flames were seen soon after blast-off.

How to visit the Khyber

From Michael Hamlyn, Islamabad

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, flew into Islamabad last night and said his main purpose in being here was "to stand at Pakistan's north-west frontier and affirm once again Britain's support of the Pakistan position in the face of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan".

Sir Geoffrey will in fact go to the Khyber Pass and at Michni Point gaze down into Afghanistan tomorrow.

He will visit a refugee camp and meet Professor Burhanuddin Rabbani, the leader of the fundamentalist Jamaat-Islami group of Mujahidin rebels.

The professor chairs the seven-party alliance of moderate and fundamentalist resistance groups.

In his meeting today with Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, Sir Geoffrey will also be anxious to find out Pakistan's position on the round of talks with the special representative of the UN deputy Secretary-General, Señor Diego Cordovez, who is shuttling between Kabul, Islamabad and New York in an effort to get peace negotiations going again.

Señor Cordovez is reported as having obtained a timetable for withdrawal of Soviet troops, but the stumbling block now is over the principle of simultaneity.

Diplomat set free after hostage ordeal

Ottawa - The Vice-Consul at the Bahamas High Commission here, Mrs Janet Rahming, aged 33, was released unharmed yesterday after being held hostage overnight by a gunman.

Her captor, armed with a collection of weapons, bargained with police for the release of a convict and for an unused Ottawa fire station to be turned over to the needy.

Protest at carrier near Rock

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain protested formally to Spain yesterday about an incident in which Spain's only aircraft carrier violated the territorial waters of Gibraltar.

But British officials are playing down the seriousness of the incident to prevent it souring relations between London and Madrid on the eve of King Juan Carlos's state visit this month.

The incident took place on the night of March 20-21. British officials said that the 16,000-tonne Dedalo, flagship of the Spanish Navy, entered Gibraltar's waters without notification or permission and launched two helicopters into Gibraltar's airspace.

This is considered particularly dangerous in view of the carrier's proximity to Gibraltar airport, though minor incursions are not unusual.

The violation occurred in Algeciras Bay, west of Gibraltar. The Dedalo crossed the "median line" marking the divide between Gibraltar and Spanish waters west of Europa Point, at the southern tip of the peninsula, then sailed north-east towards Gibraltar airport before turning back into Spanish waters north of the end of the runway.

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Berlin's ruling party admits hiring extremists for polls

Herr Heinrich Lummer, the Christian Democrat deputy mayor of West Berlin, has admitted giving money from party funds to right-wing extremists.

It is alleged that in return the extremists, among other jobs for Herr Lummer and his party, posted material over Social Democrat posters in an election campaign.

Christian Democrat politicians in Bonn are hoping that this is the most serious activity for which the money was used. They will then be able to pass it all off as the usual mischievous behaviour expected at election times.

Since Chancellor Kohl is being investigated for alleged false testimony - to do with money - his party is extremely worried about being thought of as the party of corruption.

West Berlin is already regarded by most West Germans as an inherently corrupt city. In the 30 years in which the

Flu and age profit France's pariahs

From Diana Geddes, Paris

By a quirk of fate, the first session of the eighth National Assembly of the Fifth French Republic was opened yesterday with a member of the extreme-right National Front - the pariah of the new Parliament - occupying the President's chair.

M Marcel Dassault, aged 94, founder of the aerospace company of the same name, who, as the oldest member, was to have taken up his right to preside over the opening session and to give the inaugural speech, sent a message at the last moment to say that he was still suffering from "a bad flu" and would be unable to attend.

His place was, therefore, taken by the next oldest member, M Edouard Frédéric-Dupont, aged 83, former affiliated member of the Gaullist RPR parliamentary

group and now one of the 35 National Front deputies who have entered Parliament for the first time, and whose attitude to the new right-wing government constitutes one of the many "unknowns".

M Frédéric-Dupont, who read out M Dassault's speech to a packed House, including M Jacques Chirac, the new Prime Minister, remained in the President's chair until the election of the new President of the Assembly, M Jacques Chaban-Delmas, aged 71, former Gaullist Prime Minister

The session was off to a rowdy start when a National Front deputy sprang to his feet to protest against the presence of 10 deputies whose election was still being contested, while the Communists and other deputies tried to drown him in a barrage of abuse and banging of desk lids.

France's decision to withdraw its 45 observers from Beirut "in no way signifies a change in French policy in Lebanon", M Alain Juppé, the government spokesman, said after yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

"The withdrawal is the result of an objective establishment of the facts: Our observers are no longer able to accomplish their mission, namely to ensure the respect of the ceasefire between the various Lebanese factions," he said, adding that the "different parties concerned" had expressed the wish that the observers should leave.

The close relationship between France and Lebanon dates back to 1860 when France was made responsible for re-establishing order in Lebanon after the massacre of 22,000 Christians by the Druze.

In 1920, Lebanon was made a French mandated territory and was governed by France until independence in 1943. The last French troops were evacuated in 1946, but a "special relationship" between the two countries continued.

1978: 700 French troops return to Lebanon as part of the 4,000-strong United Nations Truce Force in Lebanon (Unifil); 1,400 French soldiers are still serving with Unifil in the south of the country.

April 15, 1982: Two French diplomats killed.

May 24, 1982: French Embassy attacked with a car bomb - 10 dead, 21 injured.

August 18, 1982: 800 French soldiers sent to Beirut as part of the multinational force to supervise the withdrawal of

Silence on missing teachers

By Our Foreign Staff

Beirut - Efforts to find two British teachers missing in Beirut produced no clues yesterday, increasing fears that they may have been kidnapped.

A British Embassy spokesman said contact had been made "with various parties" to determine whether they have been abducted, but "we have nothing solid so far".

Mr Leigh Douglas, aged 34, a political science teacher at the American University of Beirut, and Mr Philip Padfield, aged 40, director of Beirut's International Language Centre, were last seen on Friday at the Back Street, one of the few public houses still functioning in the city's Muslim sector.

Mr Douglas, of St Albans, Norfolk, has lived in Beirut for eight years and Mr Padfield, of Bideford, Devon, for 13 years. They dined together on Friday night and went to Back Street for a nightcap. "They left about midnight," a friend said, "and no one has seen them since."

On Saturday and Sunday, Easter well-wishers left messages at their respective apartments, but they went unanswered. The management of Mr Padfield's centre, known as the Rashidien school, reported his disappearance on Sunday. The alarm was sounded when Mr Douglas failed to show up at classes on Tuesday.

None of the militias controlling west Beirut has hinted what could have happened to the teachers, and no underground organization has yet claimed any abductions.

At least six other Britons were kidnapped in west Beirut last year. One of them, Mr

Fears grow for Britons as French quit Lebanon

Mr Alec Collett, aged 64, a writer working with the United Nations, is still being held hostage.

The father of Mr Padfield said yesterday his son would not deliberately put his life in peril as a member of a "dangerous dining club". One report claimed that he and Mr Douglas had gone to a nightclub in the Muslim sector for a "dangerous night out".

Mr Ralph Padfield, a retired farmer, said at his home in Bideford that his son was a "quiet lad" who knew exactly where to go safely and where not to go in Beirut.

He had returned to England for his mother's funeral last

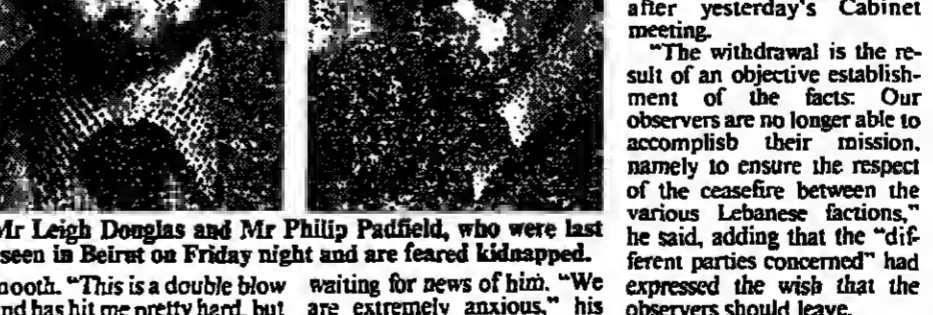
men last year - released after two weeks as captives of a Shia Muslim group and the murder of a British university lecturer who may have been resisting a kidnapping when he was shot in a car park.

And there was Alec Collett, the freelance writer with the United Nations who was abducted a year ago and is in the hands of Abu Nidal's extremist Palestinian group.

Those who "know the ropes" - or thought they did until Tuesday - are a mixed bag. Some are British women who married Lebanese citizens and feel more at home in Hazrat Street than they would in the Edgware Road.

One such lady lives in my own block of flats in Beirut, a middle-aged woman with a tough Yorkshire accent who stays assiduously indoors when the neighbourhood comes under shellfire, but each morning feeds every stray cat and dog in the street.

A few British men who married Lebanese women have not been home for years; one died in the fierce street fighting of February 1984, his body found later by British Embassy officials amid the rubble of his flat.



Mr Leigh Douglas and Mr Philip Padfield, who were last seen in Beirut on Friday night and are feared kidnapped.

waiting for news of him. "We are extremely anxious," his retired father, Mr Edgar Douglas, said. "I have to think he was probably kidnapped because he wasn't the type to just disappear."

The family of Mr Douglas in Norfolk yesterday were

which the Foreign Office has refused to contemplate.

Appeals by Sir John for Mr Collett's release have been met only by warnings from his captors that his health is in danger and that Britain should send 10 kidney dialysis machines in hospitals in southern Lebanon, one of which would be used to treat him.

The most disturbing element of his abduction was that his original kidnappers - led by a gunman who referred to himself as "Captain Black" - appeared to have put him "on sale" to other groups, passing him on to Abu Nidal's faction only after negotiations with other militias which might have had an interest in holding a Westerner. No Briton can be immune from this.

Paris insists there is no change in policy

From Diana Geddes, Paris

25,000 supporters of the PLO leader, Yasser Arafat, Mission ends September 13, 1982.

September 24, 1982: New multinational security force, totalling 3,300 men, sent to Beirut after the Sabra and Chatila massacres, including 1,100 French soldiers.

October 23, 1983: 58 French paratroops and 241 US Marines killed in separate suicide car bomb attacks.

November 17, 1983: French planes bomb Shia Muslim training camp near Baalbek.

March 31, 1984: Last members of French contingent of the multinational force leave Beirut a month after the evacuation of the American troops. Total French losses over preceding 18 months: 88 dead.

March 1984: French observer mission sent to Beirut at the request of President Gemayel to oversee cease-fire.

March 22, 1985: Two French diplomats, Marcel Carton and Marcel Fontaine, kidnapped by Shia Muslim extremists in Beirut; still being held.

May 22, 1985: Two more French hostages, Michel Scuar, a sociologist, and Jean-Paul Kauffmann, a journalist, seized. Scuar's "execution" was subsequently announced by the Islamic Jihad on March 10, 1986. Kauffmann still being held.

March 14, 1986: Four-man French television crew seized in Beirut; still being held hostage.

March 13, 1986: Seventh member of French observer mission killed in an ambush.

April 1, 1986: Decision to withdraw remaining 45 members of observer mission.

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Salvador bombs sweep guerrillas from their volcano fortress

From John Carlin, Apopa, El Salvador

Long a military bastion and symbol of the Salvadorean guerrillas' revolutionary resilience, El Salvador's most rugged mountain, Guazapa volcano, has fallen into government hands, the Army's most significant success since President Duarte took office in June 1984.

Just 15 miles north of the capital, San Salvador, Guazapa volcano is a natural fortress full of caves and deep ravines, an irritant to the Army and constant reminder, until very recently, that it can never drop its guard against the 6,000 guerrillas of the left-wing Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front (FMLN).

After a siege which lasted six years — as long as the civil war itself — the American-supplied air power of the Salvadorean military finally proved too much for the bomb-blasted guerrillas.

They fled north last month, to the mountains of Chalatenango province, as their smoken-checked camp-followers — mainly undernourished children, their mothers and sturdy grandparents — were literally rounded



Attacks on the capital and logistical centre in the heart of El Salvador for the marauding bands of the FMLN.

Throughout January and part of February the Salvadorean Air Force, by far the biggest in Central America, rained helicopter bullets and dropped hundreds of thousands of pounds of bombs on the volcano.

For days at a time the guerrillas and their supporters took refuge in dark underground bomb shelters carved out of the mountainside.

Simultaneously, soldiers, a total of 5,000, would make their way up the volcano in a long-planned attack codenamed "Operation Phoenix", co-ordinated by American military advisers and the Army High Command.

"We were 14 days underground. The planes were dropping so many bombs we couldn't get out, not even once, to fetch food or water." Señora Tomasa Perez, aged 24, mother of four bloated little children, said.

Señora Perez, who said the Army set fire to her home, is one of more than 1,000 people who in recent weeks have been swelling what has become known as the Calle Real (Royal Road) refugee camp near Apopa.

Two American nuns run the camp, which held barely 200 of El Salvador's 500,000 refugees in December and is now both haven and jail to more than 1,000 ragged guerrilla sympathizers.

"We're safe from the bombs here," a 50-year-old father of six said, "and they feed us well. But we're also prisoners. If we try and get back to Guazapa the Army has told us we'll be killed."



Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Secretary of Defence, looks into North Korea through binoculars from a South Korean guard post at Songhak.

Mr Lee Ki Baek, that the US would keep its forces in South Korea as long as Seoul needed them.

The two defence chiefs also agreed their countries would intensify joint military exercises over the next few years; a period which Mr Lee considers "critical".

UN urged to open files on Waldheim

From Zoriana Pysariwsky New York

Jewish organizations and New York legislators have called on the United Nations to open secret files which they claim hold the key to unravelling the full story about Dr Kurt Waldheim, the former UN Secretary-General, who is accused of concealing his Nazi past.

The request came as new evidence was released by the World Jewish Congress purporting to show that he participated in operations against Yugoslav partisans in West Bosnia and the resistance movement in Greece, including Mr George Papandreou, the former Greek Prime Minister and father of Mr Andreas Papandreou, the present prime minister.

There is pressure on the Reagan Administration for members of Congress to determine whether Dr Waldheim should be barred from entering the US.

His file is one of 40,000 on war criminals, suspects and witnesses compiled by the UN War Crimes Commission between 1943 and 1948.

In a letter to Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary-General, four Jewish organizations asked that the UN files on Dr Waldheim be made public and that he be stripped of all UN honours.

Only three files have been made public by the UN: Adolf Eichmann's, which was given to Israel, and those on Josef Mengele and Klaus Barbie, requested by the US.

35 held after 'anarchist' riot in Athens

Athens — Greek police arrested 35 youths yesterday after left-wing extremists rioted in central Athens, hurling fire bombs at police guarding the Socialist party headquarters (Mario Modiano writes).

About 300 youths, described by police as anarchists, said they were protesting against the shooting of comrade during a police raid on a derelict house.

They set fire to a police van, bombed and gutted a bank, and smashed shop windows.

Mexico gets its man

Mexico City — The most wanted man in Mexico, General Arrieta Durazo, the capital's former police chief, arrived here yesterday after US authorities ordered his deportation from a Los Angeles jail to face charges of extortion, illegal possession of weapons and probably murder (John Carlin writes).

General Durazo, police chief from 1976 to 1982, was captured by the FBI in Puerto Rico two years ago and held in the US pending an extradition request from Mexico, which was granted on Tuesday.

A symbol of the corruption of the six-year administration of former President José López Portillo, his childhood friend and the man who appointed him police chief, he retired in 1982, colossally rich.

He has been accused of ordering several murders, heading a drug ring with international links and extorting millions of pounds.

With Mexicans thirsty for revenge, every detail of his extradition case in Los Angeles provoked headlines.

General Durazo has often said he feared for his life on return to Mexico. He arrived before dawn from Santiago yesterday and was transferred to a maximum security prison in the Mexican capital pending a court appearance.

Manila recovers titles to Marcos Philippines land

From Keith Dalton, Manila

The head of the commission investigating the hidden wealth of former President Marcos of the Philippines returned home yesterday with property titles valued at \$25 million (about £17 million), alleged to have been secretly acquired by Mr Marcos.

Mr Jovito Salonga, chairman of the Commission on Good Government, said the titles covered more than 18,500 acres of land in the Philippines.

During his 19-day trip, he said, US officials assured him that the Manila Government would be able to recover "in a few months" hundreds of millions of dollars in Marcos-controlled real estate.

"A good portion of the ill-gotten wealth will surely be recovered," said Mr Salonga, who earlier estimated that the personal fortune of Mr Marcos and his wife, Imelda, could reach \$10 billion.

The five-member commission was set up by President Aquino.

when he fled to Hawaii. US authorities provided Mr Salonga with copies of the documents last month.

The 19 land titles, covering properties in Manila and provincial areas, were handed to Mr Ramon Diaz, another commission member, by Mr Jose Campos, a former business associate of Mr Marcos.

Mr Campos fled to Canada before the revolt and last week surrendered the titles to Mr Diaz in Vancouver. He admitted he was Mr Marcos's "front man" and had set up four dummy property companies for the former president's land holdings.

Mr Salonga, a former senator once jailed by Mr Marcos, said the commission hoped to learn the extent of the deposed president's financial empire with the help of 2,300 pages of documents he took with him

On a separate mission, Mr Pedro Yap, another commission member, discussed with Swiss authorities "concrete steps" to recover assets held by Mr Marcos in six Swiss bank accounts.

Mr Salonga said commission inquiries in the US, Canada and Switzerland exposed "what can only be described as the unprecedented plunder of an entire nation".

The commission has told eight visiting Japanese parliamentarians that Mr Marcos is also suspected of having systematically syphoned off \$500 million in official Japanese aid during his 20 years in power.

Mr Diaz said the cost of projects under the Japan Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund were believed to have been inflated by as much as 20 per cent to cover a commission paid to Mr Marcos.

Meanwhile, thousands of Filipinos employed at five American military installations yesterday returned to work after a 12-day strike.

Several thousand defiant workers, however, have rejected the new wage agreement and are continuing to barricade Subic Bay naval base.



Mr Salonga, confident of recovering millions

3 Kenyans jailed for 'sedition'

Nairobi — Three Kenyans were jailed here yesterday after admitting charges of possessing seditious publications — anti-government leaflets (Charles Harrison writes).

Two others were imprisoned last week on charges that they knew that a group of Kenyans were producing seditious publications, but failed to inform the authorities.

A lecturer, Joseph Manje, and an accountant, Geoffrey Maina, were jailed yesterday for five years and a farmer, Peter Kihara, was given a four-year sentence.

All three were said to have been found in possession of seditious leaflets earlier this year. The contents of the leaflets were not revealed and the alleged authors were not identified in court.

Civil servants' dispute paralyzes Helsinki

From Olli Kivinen, Helsinki

Rail and air traffic in the Helsinki area were paralysed yesterday when civil servants and state employees began the first phase of a pay strike.

Flights were diverted to Turku and Tampere, both about 100 miles away, and passengers were taken to and from by bus. Trains stopped outside the capital and mail deliveries as well as pensions and other post office payments were affected.

For the first time in Finnish history the President's office is on strike, and President Koivisto and his wife have had to move from the official palace to government guest rooms in a leading hotel.

Only 15,000 union members are on strike, but on April 16 the stoppage will become national, it is quite possible that the strike will be prolonged, he says. The civil servants are demanding a rise of about 6 per cent, plus £100 a month.

STOCKHOLM: Swedes yesterday moved closer to an industrial confrontation likely to bring private industry to a standstill (Christopher Mosey writes).

The Federation of Salaried Employees in Industry and Services (PTK) announced a strike of 50,000 white-collar workers for next Wednesday in response to a lockout of 300,000 men by the Swedish Employers' Confederation.

PTK is seeking a pay increase dated from January 1.

Pilots' threat: The Swedish air force may lose a fifth of its 500 pilots, who are threatening to resign by December because of low pay (Reuters reports).

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Tangled Lebanese loyalties herald bloodiest battles

Hezbollah key to fundamentalist strife

By Robert Fisk, Middle East Correspondent

The Druze are re-arming. In the past few days Kalashnikovs, Walther pistols and other weapons and ammunition recently bought in Vienna, have been dispensed liberally to the street veterans of Raouche and Hamra. Even Walid Jumblat's annual military parade of old T.54 tanks through the ruined streets of Damour was called off, in case they were needed in Beirut. There was no secret about it, for everyone in the Lebanese capital knows, or thinks he knows, what is coming: the most savage street battles in years between the Druze, with their communist and Sunni Muslim allies, and the Shia Muslim forces represented by Nabih Berri's Amal movement.

In reality the conflict will represent a much more sinister and critical struggle as Syria urges its most loyal militia allies in west Beirut to tear into the forces of the powerful Hezbollah, which has not only eclipsed the declining Amal but now holds sway over much of the city's Muslim sector, mocking even Syria's attempts to impose its will on the country.

So grave has the crisis become that President Assad of Syria is said to have raised it personally with the Soviet leadership during a visit to Moscow he reportedly made last Thursday.



Centre-stage players in Lebanon's unfolding tragedy: President Assad of Syria, Mr Nabih Berri, the Shia Amal leader, and Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran.

power and Iranian funding, provide an essential insight into the drama now unfolding. Hezbollah's ronts are twined not only around the foundations of the Iranian revolution but the growth of the Iraqi opposition Daawa party. Lebanese writers now trace its origins to a meeting in the Iraqi city of Najaf in 1969 where the idea of a Shia revolution in Lebanon was first advanced. A number of Shia leaders and clergymen who attended have since become household names in Lebanon and in the files of western intelligence agencies. The discussions took place at the home of Muhammad Bakr Sadr, an Iranian ayatollah and close friend of Ayatollah Khomeini. Sitting beside Muhammad Bakr was the Iranian imam, Moossa Sadr, already well known as a teacher among the rural poor east of the Lebanese city of Tyre, and Sabhi Tofail, a Shia cleric who now lives in the Lebanese town of Baasrybek. Muhammad Bakr told Moossa Sadr to return to Tyre and to found groups for Islamic indoctrination. Two other Shia figures, Muhammad Hussein Fadlallah and Mehdi Shamseddin, were sent to Lebanon to establish colleges in Beirut. Moossa Sadr, who owed to a Lebanese "Shia Higher Council" was, in his way, a constitutionalist, demanding equality for Lebanon's growing Shia population within the existing structure of a Christian-dominated government. The influence of the Daawa, which opposed Christian government for Muslims, was curbed only when Sadr founded the "Lebanese Resistance Brigades", whose Arabic name produced the acronym Amal. Sadr disappeared in Libya in 1978 - almost certainly murdered after a dispute with Colonel Gaddafi - but in the following year his "higher council", taking advantage of Khomeini's triumphant revolution, sent a delegation to Tehran led by Shamseddin. While the Iranian leader apparently evinced little enthusiasm for Sadr's "return" - the fiction being maintained that he was missing rather than dead - Khomeini did insist that the Daawa should merge with Amal.

Hezbollah key to unfolding drama

To the West, and to many Arab states, the Hezbollah is a frightening phenomenon, an extreme pro-Islamic movement that is imposing Islamic law in large areas of Lebanon. Kidnapping westerners, staging suicide attacks on Israeli occupation troops and executing "agents" in Beirut. The organizations that exist within it - Islamic Jihad, for example, which holds at least four American and seven Frenchmen captive - are invariably described by western news agencies as secretive or shadowy. There is some truth in these descriptions: but the real story of the Hezbollah, its disputes with rival groups in Lebanon, the growth of its

Ex-leaders unite to confront Khomeini

By Hazihr Teimourian

With talk in Tehran of a new offensive against Iraq north of the city of Basra, Iran's internal opposition - still clinging to a precarious existence - has merged to form an umbrella organization to facilitate its "struggle against despotism".

The Alliance for the Defence of Liberty and the Sovereignty of the Iranian Nation is composed of the Freedom Movement, led by prime minister, Dr Mehdi Bazargan, and senior figures from the old National Front, the former liberal opposition grouping whose deputy leader, Dr Shahpour Bakhtiar, formed the last government before the revolution of February 1979.

The National Front representatives in the new organization include Mr Ali Ardalan, a former economy minister, and Dr Assadollah Mobashery, a former minister of justice in Dr Bazargan's Cabinet. The alliance's hard-hitting, nine-page opening statement, a copy of which has reached Europe, incurred Ayatollah Khomeini's wrath.

In a recent speech, referring to alliance opposition to the war with Iraq, he said: "Such Muslims are worse than infidels."

Iran hits tankers from Gulf helipad

Bahrain (Reuters) - Iran is using an oil platform in the middle of the Gulf as a base from which helicopters attack tankers, shipping industry sources said yesterday.

Helicopters are believed to have attacked at least 14 ships this year from the platform, known as Rostam Island, in the centre of an oilfield about 65 miles from the Iranian mainland and close to shipping lanes for Arab Gulf ports. Since it started using Rostam late last year, the focus of Iran's attacks has moved eastwards in the Gulf.

Previous strikes centred on an area of shallows known as the Shah Allum shoal, closer to Qatar's northern tip. Most were carried out by F4 Phantom based on Lavan Island, just off the Iranian mainland.

The sources said the captain of the Panamanian tanker Siclios, reported that a helicopter, which fired a rocket at his ship last Sunday, took off from the Rostam helipad.

Iran is short of jets and use of helicopters in these attacks frees fixed-wing aircraft to support its ground offensives further north. Nicosia: Iran said yesterday that its navy had intercepted a cargo ship near the Strait of Hormuz and taken it to a southern port because it suspected the ship was carrying goods for Iraq (AP reports).

Ban stifles meeting on free media

From Christopher Follett Copenhagen

A dispute over restrictions on press coverage preceded the opening in Copenhagen yesterday of a meeting on the flow of information sponsored by the United Nations and Unesco.

At an introductory press briefing before the second international round table meeting on a new world information and communications order, Mr Dileep Padgaonkar, the Indian-born Director of the Division of Free Flow of Information and Communications at Unesco, Paris, demanded that journalists covering the conference receive clearance permission from participants before quoting from their speeches or papers.

Correspondents, who saw this move as a blatant restriction on their press freedom, were told that such a procedure was necessary to ensure correct coverage of the meeting and engender a freer debate among participants.

Topping the agenda is an assessment of the international flow of information.

Proposals are also on the table to redress the imbalance between East and West, North and South, and the Third World and the industrial democracies, on media freedom, world communication developments and access to, and participation in, communication globally.

The final report is to be submitted to the UN General Assembly at the end of the Copenhagen session.

US threat alarms Portugal

From Martha de la Cal Lisbon

Portuguese exporters and government officials are worried by President Reagan's threats to restrict imports from EEC countries on the grounds that the recent entry of Portugal and Spain will cost the US \$1 billion a year in lost agricultural exports, particularly cereal, soya beans and cooking oils.

The Secretary of State for European Integration, Senhor Vitor Martins, said Portugal was concerned that the US might restrict basic Portuguese exports such as wine and textiles.

Mr Martins said Portugal would prefer to negotiate through the EEC and would support every effort by the EEC to reach an agreement.

Portugal exports \$33 million worth of wine and spirits to the US each year, and exports of textiles have been increasing so rapidly that American manufacturers have become alarmed.

On the other hand, Portugal has been buying most of its cereals and cooking oils from the US, although the high value of the dollar has caused the amount to be cut back from \$700 million worth of wheat, soya beans and other food products in 1984 to \$428 million last year.

Under the EEC agreement, Portugal must buy at least 15.5 per cent of its cereal from the Community for a transition period of five years.

The US Administration says this is a violation of the GATT treaty.

Scandal of \$1m awards Reagan tries to rein in galloping damages

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan plans to introduce legislation to control runaway damages awards by American juries.

Doctors in particular are being sued at record rates by patients who can become instantly rich because of a minor medical error. The average medical malpractice award by juries last year for the first time topped \$1 million (\$667,000).

The legislation will propose significant changes in liability insurance coverage, perhaps including clearly defined limits on the awards juries can make. Contingency lawyers who often become wealthy overnight by taking a percentage of damages awards may have their fees limited.

White House officials believe that some of the steam may be taken out of the "damages industry" once lawyers find such cases less lucrative.

The madness that seems to have gripped so many juries in damages cases was demonstrated graphically last week when a jury in Philadelphia awarded more than \$1 million to a woman who blamed a body

scan for the loss of her psychic powers.

Judith Haines had claimed that as a result of the scan she suffered severe headaches when she tried to use her psychic powers.

Insurance cover is now unavailable in many areas in America because of fears by insurance companies of swingeing jury awards. Ice risks and fairgrounds have closed all over the country because they can no longer afford cover.

Many states have already made it more difficult for victims to recover large financial judgments, but the White House says that it wants federal action to avert a crisis in the insurance industry.

The legislation will propose that damages may be paid over time and will change laws to provide a more realistic assessment of responsibility in claims.

Haiti police chief held

Rio de Janeiro (AP) - Colonel Albert Pierre, the former police chief of Haiti capital, Port-au-Prince, has been detained in Brasilia pending extradition hearings. He arrived on government orders with his wife and Mr. Jenier Costa, a former Haiti secret police officer, from a remote Brazilian island where they had been given temporary asylum on February 25. Colonel Pierre, aged 53, has been accused of torture and murder by political prisoners freed after the former dictator, Jean-Claude Duvalier, fled Haiti. The two countries have no extradition treaty.

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THE TIMES PROFILE

SIR GEOFFREY HOWE

The Foreign Secretary has been heard to claim that the nearest he ever came to sporting attainment was "runner-up to the best loser" in an army boxing contest. Roughly the same level of achievement met his aspirations for the Conservative Party leadership in 1975, when he collected a few handfuls of votes in the second-ballot contest in which Margaret Thatcher defeated Willie Whitelaw.

Now, however, Geoffrey Howe scores high in the who-next conversations enjoyed by any political party that has had the same leader for more than a decade. "Howe if it's quick, Hurd if it's slow" sums up much political discussion about the succession, after both Michael Heseltine and Leon Brittan had retired hurt from the Cabinet arena.

Douglas Hurd is, in fact, less than four years younger than Sir Geoffrey, who will be 60 this year. But Hurd, newly sprung to prominence as Home Secretary, appears to belong to the younger generation of Tory politicians.

This is partly because Howe has, by now, notched up more top departmental offices than any other Cabinet member. As the life-histories of two other former Chancellors, Denis Healey and Roy Jenkins, all too clearly demonstrate, proven experience never provides a secure platform for a jump at party leadership. And not even the greatest of Howe's admirers would argue that he was a political performer of the brilliance of either Healey or Jenkins at their best. But dogged persistence, steadiness under political fire and sheer likeability are qualities strong enough to make it worth having another try, should the opportunity arise in time. Howe's political career has progressed continuously, if not steadily. From a modest middle-class Welsh background, he distinguished himself by winning an exhibition to Winchester. Once on that track, he moved naturally to Cambridge, to the Bar, and to the usual profusion of committees that make up the curriculum vitae

of the aspiring politician. Two contests in a "hopeless" Welsh seat were followed by two years as member for Bebingtoo, between 1964 and 1966. Back in Parliament by 1970, as Solicitor-General for Edward Heath, he was credited with responsibility for the ill-fated 1971 Industrial Relations Act, an albatross that buog round his neck for some time.

Five years' apprenticeship shadowing Healey, then Chancellor, led to that post in Mrs Thatcher's Government. Immediately, he ran into trouble again. Big Tory pay promises to public sector unions, combined with an over-ambitious first Budget and an optimistic monetary policy, quickly ran government economic policy into the sand. Typically, Howe bung on, and recovered.

The 1981 Budget was critical. It was tough and unpopular, but in retrospect was the turning point of Sir Geoffrey's career. Under his Chancellorship, the Conservatives were re-elected against a background of record unemployment, but with output rising and inflation low.

The comparison with Hurd is instructive in another way. The Home Secretary stands for the "wet" image of the Conservative party, the Foreign Secretary for the "dry"; but both do so in a subdued fashion.

Some would say, indeed, that Geoffrey Howe's lack of attack was his greatest political defect. The comment by his old opponent, Healey, that being attacked by Howe was like being savaged by a dead sheep has stuck in political memories. Sir Geoffrey is a thinker, but he is not an orator, too often, political journalists have been alerted to the prospect of an epoch-making speech by Howe, only to search in vain for a headline note.

Yet his words are worth listening to, for they come from somewhere close to the heart of the Conservative party. Even though Sir Geoffrey's time at the Treasury epitomized the change in economic policy associated with



Thatcherism, his image never acquired the hard sheen of the far right.

Perhaps this is because the House of Commons retains considerable fondness for Sir Geoffrey, an advantage his more aggressive successor cannot count on. Perhaps it is because his wife, Elspeth, rounds the image by voicing more forthright views of her own than any other cabinet partner; particularly those stimulated by her time as vice-chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission.

Some say that Elspeth Howe is her husband's most determined backer for the leadership; others that she is his greatest asset. She remains, however, remarkably free of the *folie de grandeur* which tempts Foreign Secretaries' wives. The Howes' down-to-earth approach has survived despite the fact that the trappings of the job can be compared only to the Prime Minister's. The Foreign Office is grand enough, if gloomy. The Foreign Secretary's London residence, just off The Mall, is brighter, though it still reeks of

officialdom. But the jewel in the Foreign Secretary's crown is a relatively new acquisition; Chevening, the exquisite bequest to the nation by the Earl of Stanhope, now established as the Foreign Secretary's country residence.

Perhaps, however, Howe's soft-right image is the product of his transfer to a job where the party divisions of British politics are singularly unimportant, and where — in the negotiations over the future of Hong Kong — he secured his most obvious success. The Foreign Office has given

BIOGRAPHY

1928: Born December 20 at Port Talbot, Glamorgan. Educated at Winchester College and Trinity Hall, Cambridge.
1945-8: Lieutenant in Royal Signals. Chairman Cambridge University Conservative Association.
1952: Called to the Bar, Middle Temple.
1953: Married Elspeth Rosamund Morton Sharp.
1955: Chairman Bow Group. Contested Aberystwyth and again in 1959.
1964-6: Elaeatad MP for Bebington.
1965: Opposition front bench spokesman on labour and social services. Queen's Counsel.
1970: Elected MP for Reigate (subsequently Surrey East). Appointed Solicitor-General by Edward Heath, and subsequently knighted.

1972: Minister for Trade and Consumer Affairs. Privy Councillor.
1974: Opposition front bench spokesman on social services.
1975: Stands for Tory leadership. Mrs Thatcher wins. Appointed "Shadow Chancellor" by Mrs Thatcher.
1979: Chancellor of the Exchequer. First Budget raises VAT to 15 per cent and cuts basic rate of income tax to 30 per cent.
1981: Third Budget cuts public borrowing.
1982: Fifth and last Budget precedes general election by cutting income tax. After election, moves to become Foreign Secretary.
1984: Clinches deal with Chinese Government on the future of Hong Kong.

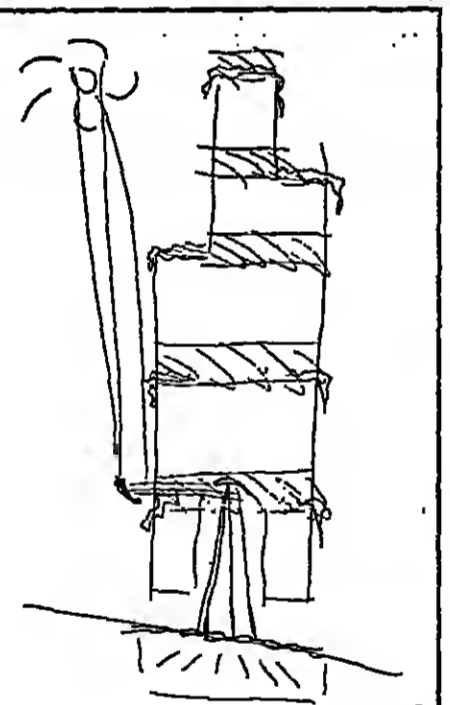
Howe the opportunity to demonstrate the skills he most enjoys. As Chancellor — again, in marked contrast to Nigel Lawson — he revelled in the globe-trotting that went with the job. As Foreign Secretary, he enjoys displaying the expertise of a former Chancellor, particularly in the interminable financial warfare that characterizes most meetings of the European council of foreign ministers — of which he will take on the international circuit of finance and foreign ministers has given him a useful, even friendly acquaintance with most of his kind.

When Howe first arrived, after the 1983 election, the Foreign Office was mouldering in the long shadow thrown by its failure to anticipate the Falklands War. To begin with, Howe was seen as too much his mistress's puppet; Mrs Thatcher's instinctive urge to be her own Foreign Secretary, as well as her own Chancellor, seemed to leave Howe as a mere bag-carrier. Early events — the Grenada debacle, and still worse the embarrassingly mishandled business of trade union membership at GCHQ in Cheltenham — did little to encourage Howe's party to believe things would go better if he did seize the reins of the Foreign Office. Hong Kong changed that. If the Foreign Secretary still cannot count on getting his way with the Prime Minister, his freedom of manoeuvre has increased, and he

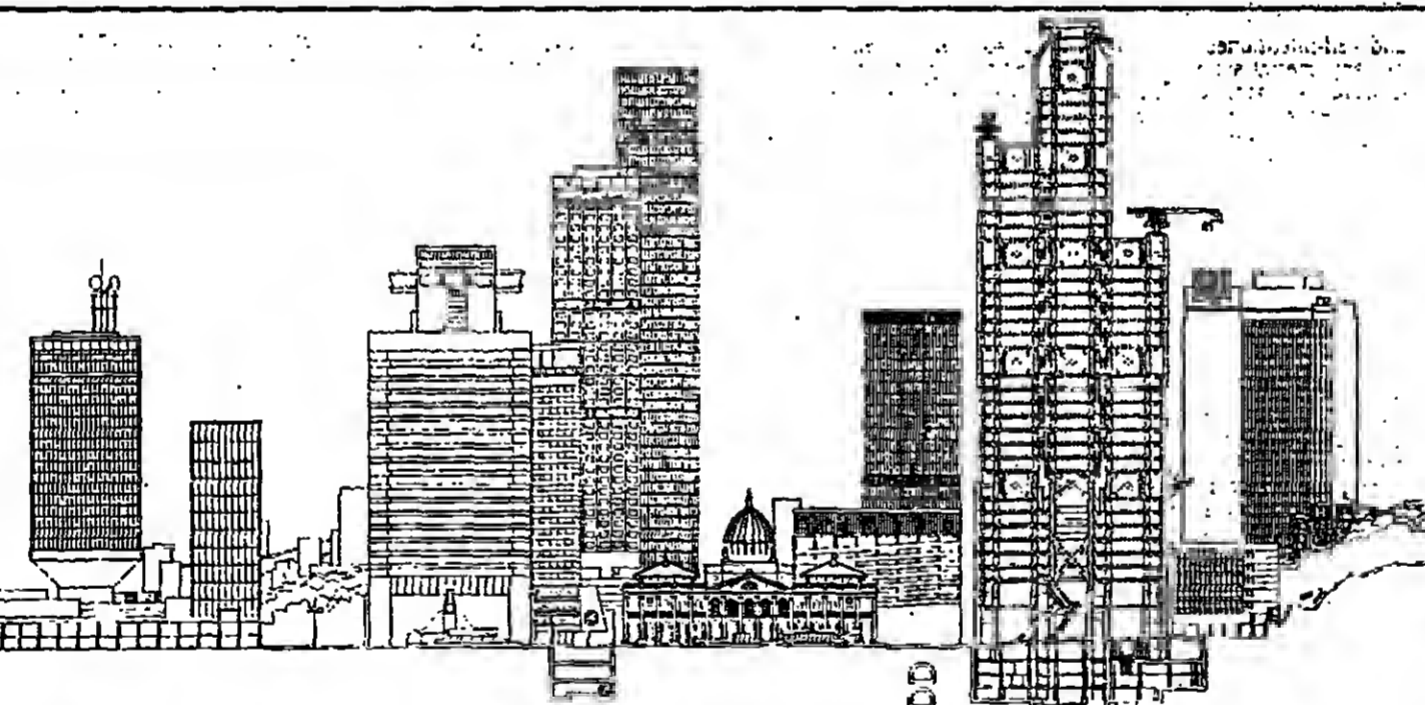
is taken seriously in international affairs. With the greater confidence engendered by this experience, his public performances are improving, allowing his natural good humour to show through. He has always tried to take pains over his television appearances, remembering such details as the need to wear the right kind of spectacles. If the political lottery never gives Howe a second chance at party leadership, he is equipped to move gracefully into the next generation of respected, even loved, elder statesmen. For that, at least, he has reason to thank Mrs Thatcher.

Some unkindly say this is because he constitutes no threat; but it is worth remembering that in the 1975 contest he got no fewer votes than James Prior, seen as too big a threat ever to be given a top job. Howe shares the Prime Minister's ability to go for long periods with little sleep, a simple fact that may explain much in their political partnership. He displays, at the same time, a greater capacity for enjoying himself. It is typical of the Howes, in India this week, to take time to snap each other outside the Taj Mahal. And even if Howe is not built on exactly the same elegant lines as Rajiv Gandhi, one must hope that the family album will include some of him in that pretty, yellow turban.

Sarah Hogg



Sun-scraper: Norman Foster's first sketch for his sun-scoop (left), beaming light into the centre of the bank, and how his office masterpiece dominates the old and modern buildings along Hong Kong's crowded shoreline



Banking's jewel in the crown

The world's most expensive new office building will be formally opened in the world's foremost capitalist city on Monday night when Sir Edward Youde, Governor of Hong Kong, performs the ceremony at the £500 million headquarters of the Hongkong Bank.

Rising above Hong Kong's business centre is the world's most innovative bank, a symbol of the colony's faith in the future

contractors and suppliers from 80 countries around the globe. The skyscraper, which at less than 600ft high is small by American standards, is also the most advanced in terms of office accommodation. It incorporates more than 1,800 miles of electronic and communications cabling and a

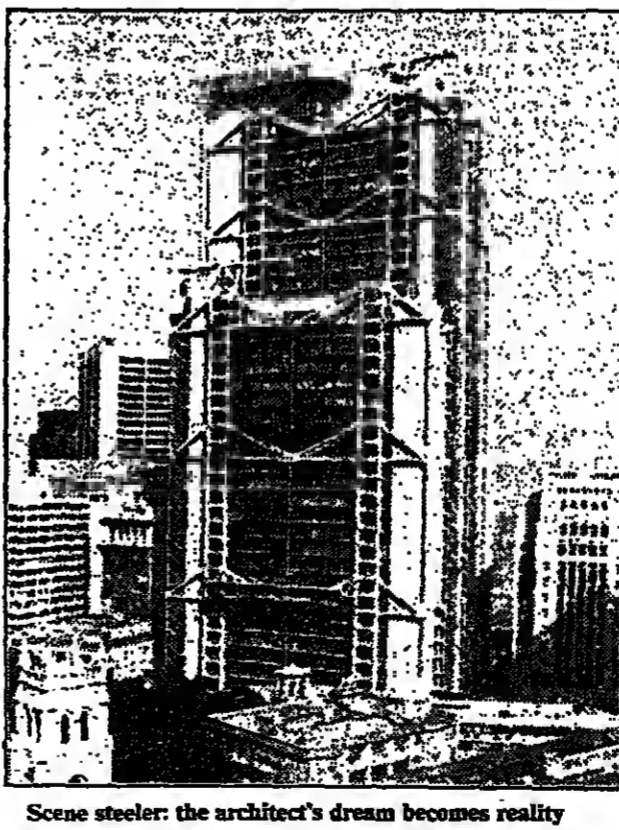
flexibility of usable space which should ensure its longevity despite the rapid evolution of banking technology.

Located at the heart of Hong Kong's burgeoning business district facing mainland Kowloon, the building occupies the site used by the bank since the middle of the last century. The 1935 building demolished to make way for its successor was, in its day, the tallest and most sophisticated building in Asia.

Similarly, Foster's design eschews the conventional concrete frame and glass curtain walls which characterize Hong Kong, like every other developed city. Instead he has devised a revolutionary struc-

ture which marks the most dramatic advance since the steel-framed "cathedrals of commerce" were built in New York and Chicago 100 years ago. The building is being seen as a symbol of the almost unbridled optimism that exists about the future of the colony when it is handed over to Communist China in 11 years' time. It sits happily amid the conspicuous wealth and work ethic of its surroundings, a jewel of industrial design and precision engineering with large, and also a potent corporate symbol now featured on the bank's own HK\$100 notes.

Its structure has been compared with that of the pagoda in its elegant and obvious use of materials. This allows it to seem almost transparent at night when its interior is lit up against the sky. Eight masts of tubular steel carry suspended steel trusses which support the floors.



Scene stealer: the architect's dream becomes reality as well as 23 passenger lifts.

The public enter the building via obliquely-placed escalators positioned with the help of a Chinese geomancer. From there they arrive in the cathedral-sized atrium of the banking hall, 170ft and 10 storeys high. Atrium lighting is enhanced by a sun-scoop which reflects sunlight from the outside walls. The scoop itself is hung on the face of the building, a computer-controlled array of mirrors which respond to the solar calendar.

TIMETABLE	SPECIFICATION
1978: Bank commissions feasibility studies to consider options for the redevelopment of 1 Queen's Road Central	Cost: \$500 million (HK\$5,000 million); approx 25,000 per sq metre
1979: June: Seven firms of architects, including Foster Associates, invited to submit proposals for a new headquarters building	Occupation: Phased from July 1985, more than 3,500 people
November: Foster Associates appointed architect	Completion: November 1985
1980: February: Foster Associates confirmed	Height: 586.6ft (178.8m) above Des Voeux Road
October: John Lok/Wimpey Joint Venture appointed as management contractor	Basement depth: 61.7m (18.8m)
1981: June: 1935 building closes its doors for the last time	Storeys: 52: 47 above ground; 5 below ground and ground plaza level
July: Management contractor's appointment confirmed	Occupied floors: 42
1982: February: Presentation of the Bank	Gross area: 1.07 million sq ft (99,200 sq m)
July: Site preparation work commences	Net Area: 760,000 sq ft (70,400 sq m)
1983: February: First structural steelwork positioned	Height of atrium: 170ft (52m); 10 storeys
1984: October: Practical completion of structural steelwork	Internal transport: 62 escalators, 23 passenger lifts, 4 goods lifts and 1 catering lift
1985: April: Internal sun-scoop reflector completed	Structural steelwork: 27,400 tonnes
May: Topping out ceremony to celebrate the practical completion of the cladding and curtain walling	Aluminium cladding: 3,500 tonnes
June: Lions moved from Statue Square back to 1 Queen's Road Central	Glass: 345,000 sq ft (32,000 sq m)
July: First phase completion and occupation commences November: Second and final phase completion	Service modules: 139
1986: April 7: Sir Edward Youde, Governor of Hong Kong, formally opens the Bank	Electrical and communications cabling: 1,864 miles (3,000 km)
	Client: Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation
	Architect: Foster Associates
	Civil and structural engineers: Ove Arup & Partners
	Mechanical and electrical engineers: J Roger Preston
	Quantity surveyors: Lovett & Bailey with Northcott Neighbour and Nicholson
	Project co-ordinator: R J Mead & Co
	Management contractor: John Lok/Wimpey

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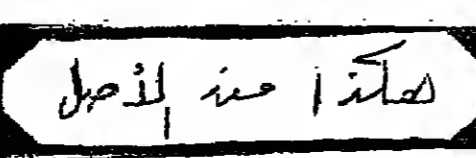
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BOOKS

Kings, clans, clangers

Hugo Vickers

THE ULTIMATE FAMILY

By John Pearson Michael Joseph, £12.95

John Pearson is the author of an admirable book on Ian Fleming, and an extremely well-researched biography of the Sitwells (Facades). Therefore one approaches him with confidence and expectation.

But do not be put off because gradually the author gets into his stride, and takes us on a most interesting aerial tour of the current royal scene.

The virgin and the cripple

James Fenton on Anthony Powell's first major novel for ten years

admirable vehicles for speedy movement, but can if necessary be employed as weapons of defence or offence. You laugh? I can assure you I have used them more than once in the latter capacity, may well do so again.

THE FISHER KING By Anthony Powell Heinemann, £9.95



in order to devote herself to the crippled Henchman. He is the Fisher King of the title. It is Beal's fantasy to interpret his existence in the light of the Arthurian legend, and it is Mr Powell's purpose to arrange around this central couple a design of thematic variations on the subject of sickness and health, ugliness and beauty, impotence and sexuality, age and youth.

The device of sending the assembled characters on a cruise to Orkney by way of Hadrian's Wall has a symbolic purpose (symbols are always jumping out at you in this book — a character called Mr Jack turns out to be here as a lower-middle-class Don Juan).

If I think of Henchman as a photographer, and try to recognise to him characteristics that might remind me of other photographers I might have read about or met, I feel that I'm missing some point. But, if I think of him as The Artist, things fall immediately into place.

Making the caged bird sing

Karan Thapar

INDIRA GANDHI Letters to a Friend 1950-1984

By Dorothy Norman Wendenfeld & Nicolson, £10.95

To her countrymen Indira Gandhi was an enigma. Whether they loved or hated her, few could claim to have understood the woman.

The purpose of publishing Mrs Gandhi's letters is presumably to provide answers to these questions. Indira Gandhi certainly had her own. Writing of herself she asks "Are most people not just a split personality but several personalities? I feel I am and I have learned to make all the separate personalities quite friendly with each other.

By her own description Mrs Gandhi was a multi-sided person. Yet the woman that emerges from these letters is relatively one-dimensional. The overpowering impression is of a gentle, sensitive soul trapped within her own life, a prisoner of fate and circumstance.

may not like it or be good at it. But at least it deserves a trial." It was not to be. Instead, she became India's prime minister and the prison's walls closed in. Despite her anxieties and premonitions, a greater power was driving her on.

The Indira of these letters is thus a tormented heroine. Her life seems grey and melancholy. The heavy dull weight of endurance, resignation, acceptance descends over the book. Even her fascination for travel, her delight in receiving books and records, her curiosity for new ideas offer little respite from the gathering storm.

What is missing from these letters is the laughter, the mischief, the gaiety that was also Indira Gandhi. The other personalities are really not discernable at all. Perhaps Mrs Gandhi did not communicate them in her letters. Or, perhaps, Dorothy Norman chose to suppress them. Yet, those who did know Indira Gandhi remember them as clearly as they do the haunted lady of Indian politics.

Nuns in the outback, reds in the bed

FICTION

- MEMOIRS OF MANY IN ONE By Patrick White Cape, £8.95
JUMBO By Gabrielle Lord The Bodley Head, £9.95
ABIDING CITY By Lawrence Halley The Bodley Head, £9.95
FREE AGENTS By Max Apple Faber, £9.95

Patrick White, appears in Memoirs of Many in One not only as "editor" of the graphic zambings of Alex Xenophon Demirjian Gray, but as one of the characters, often called in by the central figure's rather bossy, harassed daughter to rescue her mother from demented excursions into the realities of contemporary Australia.

account of the life of Gareth Benton, in charge of protocol at Church House. The son of an eminent, autocratic surgeon who expects success, Benton at his public school, at Cambridge, and in his Foreign Office career delivers it. Cold, selfish, supercilious, surprisingly ambitious — friendship is not important to him, nor are relations with women.

dooped love affair, which culminates in them tumbling about in the open air naked under the eyes of the K.G.B. The misdemeanour may seem trivial in the light of our cynical mores: but the author's understanding of diplomatic procedures leads credibly to the assumption that it is enough to compromise Benton, and bring about his downfall at the F.O.

not be put off by the insensitive jacket design. It is an unsensational, perceptive, often painful study of two women whose lives intersect at certain important moments. One is a taut school-teacher tormented by the memory of the illegitimate

Laurence Halley's novel foresees a time when Pope and Archbishop celebrate Mass in the same ceremony at Canterbury. Events at the cathedral on the momentous occasion are intercut in a retrospective

Soon after, a pretty, sexually vibrant music-student comes to work, during her vacation, at his house, where a relation of hers is already a servant. Benton embarks on an abandoned

Free Agents is an excellent, entertaining collection of stories — very American, indelibly Jewish, so that many

A hair-raising pundit

Basil Boothroyd

AGATE A Biography By James Harding Methuen, £12.95

Innocence in the matter of sexual indiscretions has been exceeded of late. People can get up to anything. What the revered critic James Agate got up to, between his torrential outpourings of words, was, one might say, nobody's business.

It strikes me as admirably faithful and has its own entertainment as well as its own subject's. A dry approach, a sharp eye for illuminating anecdote, snippets and tidbits of wit from names as global as Coward and as obscure as Agate's succession of house-boy acolytes. These vastly wide and disparate gleanings he marshals into a seamless whole.

Agate was a man to make other men feel midgits. He worked at that, but in any case would have towered, as an arrogant theatrical pundit, a wearer of quite alarming overcoats, a monument of self-admiration and a prodigal spender of money he hadn't got. He could hardly see a house, a horse or a car without buying it, and today, almost forty years since he died, the Inland Revenue are still seizing the trickles of his surviving royalties.



James Agate: a man to make other men feel midgits

enclave. Enemies blackballed him. Stage stories can be hard going. Few of these are. One diary entry recalled how Boehm's wife, Helen, performing at a charity matinee, "advanced to a gold chair, and swathed in heliotrope, said smilingly, 'I want you all to imagine I'm a plumber's mate'.

be. Behind the granite confidence, a warren of fears and superstitions. Touch every other railing, avoid the flagstone cracks. In ships he stayed well clear of the side. Though no sleepwalker, he dreaded sleepwalking out of his window and killing himself.

By medical rights he should have killed himself by his lifestyle. His sheer toll of eating and drinking and working, the reluctance ever to go to bed. At 68, two years before his death in 1947, now over-weight, dropsical and wheezing with asthma and cigars, he still had the vigour for a last infatuation: the object of his affections a clean-cut American GI who, backhome, showered him with as many and regular food parcels as his creditors did writs.

There were kindnesses. He would use his influence to push young literary aspirants in whom he discerned something worth pushing. But his self-seeking ambition dominated all. One act of betrayal, towards Alan ("Jack") Dent, for fifteen years his friend, secretary, office "ghost", reads as shockingly, if in a different way, as any of the private murk.

Small pie from the Big Apple

CRIME

Marcel Berlins

FOUND IN THE STREET

By Patricia Highsmith Heinemann, £9.95

Patricia Highsmith has set her novel in New York's Greenwich Village, which was possibly a mistake. She seems, surprisingly, to be not totally at ease in the milieu, and as a result her characters, too, are not as confidently described as we have come to expect from her. This is especially true of Elsie, who is not so much the central character as the catalyst and the object of some very Highsmithian sexual obsessions.

Elsie, a 20-year old small-town girl, is a trusting, impulsive, free-wheeling creature having a good time in the big city. Ralph, middle-aged and alone (apart from a dog called God), conceives a fanatical and unwelcome mission to protect her from what he sees as the corrupt and evil of the society in which she moves. She is befriended by Jack, an illustrator, and his wife Natalia. They too are drawn into her emotional web.

Highsmith's extraordinary ability to draw menace and tension out of the most everyday events has not deserted her; and her portrayal of Ralph's developing obsession is as chilling and credible as anything she has done. But the interplay between the four principals is less convincing, and when the cathartic act of violence occurs, its effect is both less macabre and less plausible than Highsmith's norm. By her own impossibly high standards, Found in the Streets, though eminently readable and often gripping, is a slight disappointment.

Safely to the Grave by Margaret Yorke (Hutchinson £8.95): Yobbo psychopath seeks revenge on women who

plastered in big letters on the front cover?

At Night all Wolves are Grey, by Gunnar Staalesen (Quercus, £8.95) Set in Bergen, (written in Norwegian), Staalesen's novel has an unmistakable whiff of Ross Macdonald's California. Varg Veum is in the best traditions of sleuthery. The dense plot combines interesting glimpses of the seamier side of non-fjord Norway with wartime treachery and a thirty year old fatal mystery fire.

"A" is for Alibi, by Sue Grafton (Macmillan £7.95). Sparky kinetic Californian female private eye Kinsey Milhone is promising debut, hired by convicted, now paroled, wife to seek real killer of her nasty husband eight years ago. Twisty plot well-handled.

Moon drop to Murder, by John Buxton Hillier (Collins, £7.95). Retired Superintendent Kenworthy not altogether at ease in the south of France, following dying colonel's last trip and unearthing long-kept secrets of wartime Resistance and betrayal.

Into the Valley of Death, by Evelyn Hervey (Wendenfeld & Nicolson £8.95). The resourceful Miss Unwin, Victorian governess with a penchant for detection, is summoned to save an innocent country publican from imminent gallows. Convincing, unharmed manners and dialogue of the period, topped with a satisfying plot and splendid surprises en route. Incidentally, what is the purpose of a non-de-piume if your real name (which happens to be H R F Keating) is

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THE TIMES DIARY

Lambeth squawk

After Red Ted Knight and his 29 Lambeth sidekicks disappeared in a puff of smoke last night, the dominant Tory group is today preparing a counter-attack to prevent a triumvirate of remaining Labour councillors assuming the mantle of power.

Mod cons

Is Sir Clive Sinclair feeling the pinch since the collapse of his CS company? His four-bedroom Chelsea home has just come on the market at an asking price of £995,000.

Macsim

Lord Stockton has lost none of his grasp of the nuances of the political scene. After Leon Brittan's replacement by Paul Channon as Trade and Industry Secretary, he was overheard observing to his London club: "I see we now have more Etonians than Estonians in the Cabinet."

Woe upon woe

Will the V & A's troubles never end? It heard that immediately after the flooding caused by a burst pipe a scaffolding plank broke the skylight of an upstairs gallery, scattering glass throughout the room.

Barry Fantoni



Thank goodness he didn't injure himself cutting the ribbon

Distaff rules

Hammersmith and Fulham Council workers have issued a charter pledging that women managers will: "Be honest and open with everyone... refuse to subscribe to the conflict theory for the operation of this Authority..."

Matcho

Mick McGahey, the NUM's chain-smoking vice-president, obviously has as scant regard for the TUC leadership as he does his own health.

Oscar for hire

Sound recordist Peter Handsford, whose work on Out of Africa landed Britain one of its handful of Oscars, tells me he has not worked on a feature film since finishing the Streep-Redford epic more than a year ago.

PHS

Teachers in England must be puzzled by the way that Scottish ministers can "find" the money to finance their colleagues' 15 per cent pay deal.

Public expenditure last year was £2,210 per head in Scotland and £1,927 in Wales against £1,761 in England.

Why does Scotland do so well? The answer is neither English generosity nor Scottish ministerial advocacy but a Treasury mechanism, the territorial block formula, applied to each territory.

The results five years on are startling. Security costs make comparison difficult for Northern Ireland. But in Scotland and Wales, there is now over-provision amounting to well over

Richard Ford examines the strains imposed by Portadown

Loyal or loyalist? The great RUC challenge

Belfast Last weekend, as Northern Ireland's traditional marching season began, men of the Royal Ulster Constabulary were hoping that the parades would not herald the onset of a turbulent summer.

Afterwards, the gun shots that blasted the window of a police reservist's home in north Belfast and the petrol bomb attacks on the homes of two officers in the Shankill Road showed what loyalists mean when they scream at the RUC.

The violence is venomous. Policemen have had 30 pieces of silver buried at them. There has been talk of "hits in plastic bags", a reference to the method used to collect the bodies of victims of terrorist activity.

But the rioting in Portadown last Sunday had its origins not only in the loyalist opposition to the Anglo-Irish agreement but also in memories of last year's marching season.

Johannesburg The possibility of a deal between South Africa's biggest white tribe, the Afrikaners, and its biggest black group, the Zulus, has hovered for years on the horizon of the country's political landscape.

Three years ago, when the idea was first suggested by an all-race commission set up by Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, the chief minister of the KwaZulu tribal "homeland", the Pretoria government rejected it out of hand.

Now the scheme gets off the ground, it could turn Natal into a largely autonomous entity, with a predominantly black government and no apartheid laws, whose relationship with Pretoria would be similar to that between, say, California and the federal administration in Washington.

Give England a fair deal for a change

by Michael Fallon

£1 billion a year which could not be justified under normal public spending rules. The territorial block formula is the cause of the trouble.

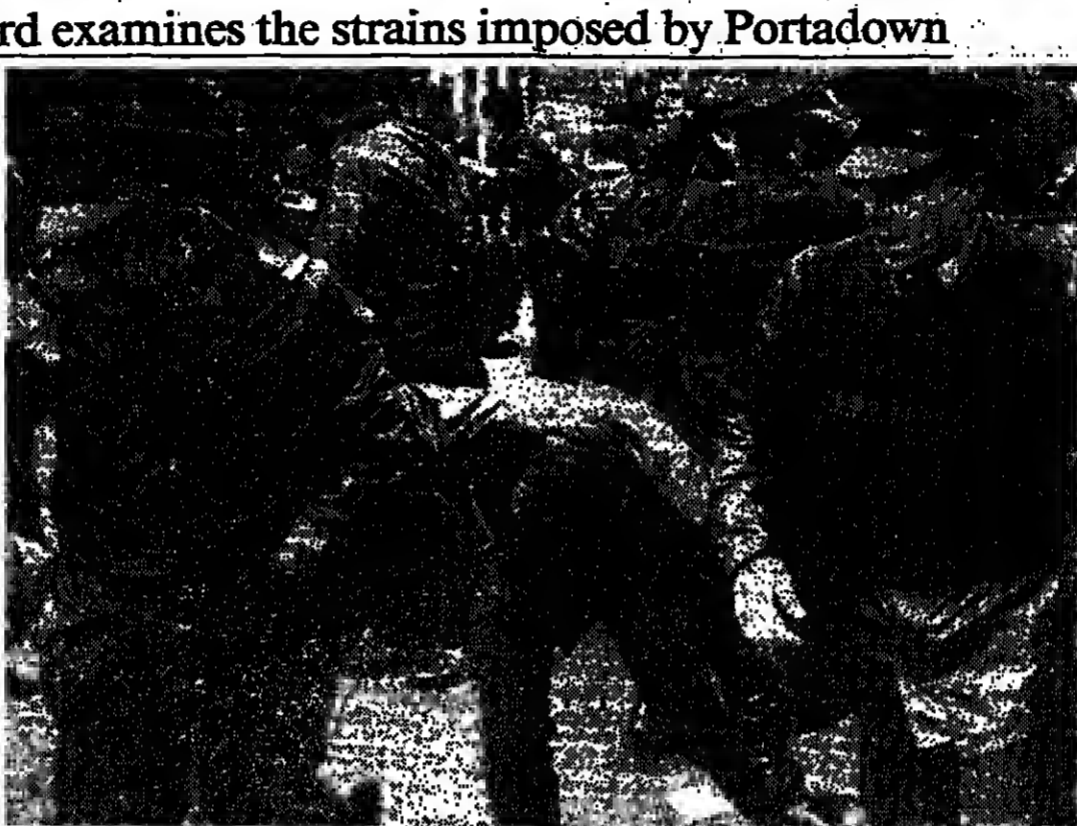
For a start, the formula appears to apply automatically. If additional provision, for example on roads or libraries, is decided for England, the Scottish and Welsh blocks benefit accordingly.

Does this matter? I think it does. First, overall control of public spending is threatened by a system that builds in over-provision each year.

broodily flat, each year's public spending bargaining round will become increasingly difficult: unjustified spending will make it even more so.

Secondly, England suffers, in particular, the formula discriminates against the less prosperous English regions. Without any regional analysis of public spending, the difference is based to quantity.

Thirdly, there is little reason to exempt either Scotland or Wales from the current pressures on public spending. When other programmes are being restrained or cut back, it would be unfair not to look to Scotland and Wales for some contribution.



Belfast, December 1985: RUC men retreat from a loyalist demonstration of protest against the Hillsborough agreement - a forerunner of this week's violence

which the authorities deliberately brought to a head, to the dismay of hardline loyalists. Although only two loyalist parades were banned and 15 re-routed, the suspicion that Dublin's hand was behind the action enraged Unionists and led to rioting and intimidation of police officers.

This year the Orange institutions threatened to defy any attempt by the RUC to alter traditional routes, believing that the police were acting at the behest of the southern authorities.

It is not only the steadfastness of the RUC in policing the loyalist population that will be tested this summer but also the policy of "police primacy". This is the policy, introduced in 1976, which gave the RUC responsibility for enforcing law and order, with the army being used only in support.

Michael Hornsby previews a meeting that could change the face of South Africa

Talking about tolerance

Natal Provincial Council, its white counterpart, would be equally represented on the JEA, the chairmanship of which would rotate between Buthelezi and Cadman.

Natal has always been the odd man out of South Africa's four provinces. Physically, with its green rolling hills, sugar plantations on which Indians were imported to work in the 19th century and sub-tropical coastline, it is strikingly different from the vast empty spaces of semi-arid

Irishmen. It has also meant that the once steady stream of soldiers' coffins returning to the mainland has almost ceased, effectively neutralising the "troops' club" movement in Britain.

Police primacy has also resulted in a huge expansion in the size of the RUC, which now has 8,259 full-time officers and a reserve of 4,508.

But, above all, it is the Hillsborough agreement that provides the sternest test for the RUC. Ninety per cent of its men are Protestant and live in predominantly loyalist areas.

Putting police in the front line of the battle against terrorism has had two effects. It has meant that Irishmen are increasingly killing

longer as one of Britain's poorer regions: measured on GDP per capita it ranks third, after only the South East and East Anglia.

Finally, unless the entire territorial block formula system is recast, both the over-provision and discrimination will increase. The longer that action is postponed, the more difficult it will be politically for the Treasury to reassert its control over Scottish Office spending.

A review of both the mechanism and its effects is therefore long overdue. The arrival of funds approved by the US Congress will in any case complicate Northern Ireland spending. Separate studies ought now to be put in hand to determine real need in each territory and to equalize Whitehall subvention towards the main programme areas.

The author is Conservative MP for Darlington.

Ronald Butt Passion and principle

The idea of loyalty to a political party moves Michael Foot to a kind of intellectual ecstasy. To him, loyalty means more than the obligation of a politician who dissents from his party on particular issues to remain loyal so long as he subscribes to its basic aims; he seems to believe, rather, that a politician should never go into opposition against his party however much it ceases to represent the things for which he joined it.

His latest book of essays (most of them already published elsewhere) is both a hymn in praise of such loyalists and an anathema (qualified in some favoured cases, such as Lloyd George) upon those he sees as traitors. If they desert their party it must be because they have their eye "fixed on the main chance" - which is the way he sees David Owen.

With pained incomprehension, Foot observes that simply to mention party politics can unleash "floods of hypocrisy and absurdity" and he asks how to explain the "populist sophistry" by which party politics are dismissed as a "dirty game". He rightly observes that for three centuries party politics has provided the distinctive flavour and vitality of British freedom.

On that analysis, the old Liberal Party should never have split and declined, making way for Labour. Nor should the Tories have split over the Corn Laws. The truth is that parties wax and wane, some dying, some altering their shape, according to changing needs. To an honest mind, all political loyalty must be ultimately conditional: a politician can stay with a party through a certain amount of "disagreement" on subsidiary questions but when he can no longer subscribe to its basic principles it is time to go.

Foot also feels anger towards those social democratic politicians such as Hugh Gaitskell (though he at least is accorded the virtues of courage and honesty) who, instead of deserting, stay and seek to guide Labour "into alien channels" - in other words away from Foot's immutable fundamentalism.

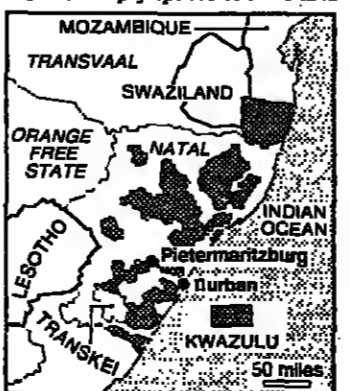
Another target is Tony Benn, the boat-rocker of the left. Foot's account of Benn's transformation after 1979 from a moderate into the extremist who used the party conference to downgrade the positions of the parliamentary party and of the leader are essays in insider observation which a moderate could hardly better.

Clearly this is designed to unsettle the force. None the less, only one officer is believed to have resigned because of the agreement and an *esprit de corps* has grown up within the ranks of the RUC which even the parliamentarians privately admit will be almost impossible to shatter.

wait for 20 or 30 seconds doing nothing. While I am waiting for the number to ring, I make another phone call. Wilson Corona Formula 1 racing driver: "Most Grand Prix cars are now equipped with phones, so during a race I often call my fellow drivers to annoy them. Sometimes I pretend it's a wrong number. I've perhaps even criticised their driving - they hate that. When I'm waiting for the number to ring I like to wave the receiver at the driver next to me and shout: 'It's for you!' We need more humour in motor racing."

These are just some of the many ideas contained in our new booklet, along with knitting, playing the piano, yoga and Look-Like-Sylvester-Stallone exercises. But Wilson Corona's comments bring us to a very serious subject: telephoning while driving a car.

Justin Castellone, Young Stockbroker of the Year: "The speed I work at, I simply can't afford to



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THE ARTS

Television Malign legacy of the great powers

Since 1945 some 30 million people - the majority civilians - have died in more than 100 wars. Heard on the radio, read in a book or newspaper, this statistic becomes ungraspably meaningless, a figure that can be swept under a great carpet of conscience.

The Four Horsemen (Central) dealt unflinchingly and unsentimentally with how the boardroom tensions between America and Russia are visited on the Third World and translated into civilian casualties.

At ground level, expertly filmed by Ivan Strasburg and Gerry Finches, certain images were made to smoulder in the mind like white phosphorus.

Q.E.D. (BBC1) dealt with people playing with fire in a much looper way. To conquer certain fears, a group of Londoners "entrained" themselves to a "gushing" hypnotherapist.

Scientists who pulled up their trouser-legs and participated argued this was not a victory of mind over matter but a feat within anyone's power.

Nicholas Shakespeare The Gambler, by Peter Brewis, Bob Woody and Mel Smith, is to be presented at Hampstead Theatre for six weeks from April 15 (with previews from April 10).

The worldwide success of A Dance to the Music of Time has made Anthony Powell such a target for photographers that his growing fascination has led him to return the compliment, making one such central to his new novel, The Fisher King, published today: interview by Nicholas Shakespeare

The character of invention

There is a cab-driver in Seattle who keeps a complete set of A Dance to the Music of Time on his dashboard. He is not consulted by the man driving him from Westbury Station to The Champy.

"How frightfully funny," says the author, without smiling. He lies on an elegant Empire sofa, his legs stretched out, his hands stroking a ruffed Cornish cat and his eyes straying, unfocused, to a wall furnished with 13 green volumes of Burke's Complete Peage.

Here in this room overlooking Somerset, Powell and his wife Lady Violet have entertained a long and steady line of interviewers wishing to know who Widespread really is, who Quiggin and Moreland and Mrs Erdleigh. And each time, as he restrains Trilawney the cat from eating the tea biscuits, Powell parries the questions with polite but impatient exasperation.

"They think you just take a real person and record them as in a photograph. It's like the art exhibitions of my youth when people looked at the model in the paintings wanting only to know who she was, who she had slept with. They don't realize even on the lowest novelist invents. In fact he probably finds it easier."

To this room, attempting a truthful record of their own, have also come "a terrific stream" of photographers and cameramen, fixing the lights, disturbing the furniture, upsetting the working day.

made it the profession of his central character in The Fisher King, his first novel for three years and his second since completing Dance in 1975.

Powell, who as a young publisher worked on Cecil Beaton's first book, sets his tale on board a cruise around Britain. Told by a familiarly detached narrator - a popular novelist called Beale - it follows Beale's application of Arthurian legend to some fellow passengers; notably a hideously maimed photographer and his companion, a beautiful virgin.

"Since 1960, when I developed a frightful distill of airports, I've been on an awful lot of cruises - but the thing about writing a novel is you do simply never know whether anything is going to be useful or not." Though well versed in the raw material, he has relied on his dentist to supply him with details of disfigurement and disease, and his wife - who used to work as a fashion journalist on the Evening Standard - on how the characters should dress.

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The social interconnections between a small group of downwardly mobile characters form the heart of any Powell novel. "Other writers have an enormously clear view about their writing. I've never managed to do that. After 80, how one does it, how it starts, why one does it, remain totally obscure. I have to see something in a haze in order to write about it." He puts his hands behind his neck and gazes again towards the Complete Peage. "My job is to try and present a view of what human beings are like to me."

In doing so he has no idea of his audience. "But I'm staggered who they turn out to be. One man who runs a home for deprived Blacks in New York wrote to say how greatly they enjoyed having Dance read to them. I had several letters from a chap in a penitentiary in Virginia, though I slightly balked when he asked me to get in touch with his girlfriend in Chicago." Currently being translated into Finnish - and part of curricula in Egypt and Italy - Dance is also being adapted for television. "I would regard myself as a classical writer", he continues. "I write about how people behave. Which is how he explains a prize awarded last year by the Ingersoll Foundation 'for upholding Judeo-Christian standards and the 10 commandments'."

Lady Violet enters with a tea-tray. She has just been described as "shonk" in a Dutch magazine and has no idea what it means. "Did you ask if he uses a typewriter?" she enquires sweetly. Spotting the gingerbread, Trilawney arches his back on Anthony Powell's lap. "Darling," he says, "there's going to be a raid."

The Fisher King is reviewed by James Fenton on page 11.



Photograph of Anthony Powell by Peter Trieman

Galleries Scandinavian symbolism

Northern Spirit Connaught Brown

Danish Paintings 1880-1920 Bury Street Gallery

The big event of the London art summer promises to be the Arts Council's survey of Scandinavian painting at the turn of the century. Dealing of a Summer Night, which comes to the Hayward in July. Meanwhile, it is very useful to have two forecasts of what is in store, in the shows Northern Spirit, at Connaught Brown until April 26, and Danish Paintings 1880-1920, at the Bury Street Gallery until April 20.

What we are talking about is basically painting of the Symbolist persuasion. But there were many different ways of approaching Symbolism practised in Scandinavia at the time - so much so that it becomes an atmosphere rather than a clearly distinguishable style. In Denmark, for instance, there were the group of painters centred on Skagen, Kroyer in particular, who specialized in rendering the elegant melancholy of a blue summer dusk along the beaches, and there were the intimists grouped around Hammershøi, a great master internationally recognized as such at the time but only now regaining that position in Scandinavian estimation.

These latter figure strikingly in both shows. Hammershøi's brother-in-law listed and his lifelong friend Holsoe both painted tranquil interiors with much of Hammershøi's humming, hidden intensity, but there is no escaping that Hammershøi, with such major pictures as the oval Interior with Figure and the Vermeersch Woman Reading a Letter at Connaught Brown, and several smaller but equally impressive pictures at Bury Street, is the real thing, with the others pale reflections.



View through doorway to a music room beyond by Wilhelm Hammershøi, only now regaining his international status

Such diverse comparisons indicate something of Scandinavian Symbolism's variety; but its coherence as an attitude to reality is much more striking, and suggests that this summer's show will be a real voyage of discovery into an alien but very attractive world.

Theatre Three Sisters Bloomsbury

Dead authors wrote for their own time and foreign authors write for their own people. The subtler a playwright the easier for other audiences to miss his point. A nice silver souvenir seems, to us, a very decent present to give a 20-year-old Russian girl. Russians, apparently, know that this is a gift fit only for matrons and widows.

Chekhov makes a character remark three times, but apparently apropos of nothing, that Balzac was married in Berdichev. But Russians, it is said, regard this place as the pits, a

Concert RPO/Gibson Festival Hall

The GLC has gone from the South Bank, and with it, or so it seemed on Tuesday night, the last vestiges of civilized concert-giving. The reward for being subjected to clumsy and churchly security searches, and for fighting through layers of dirt and rubbish left by the contract cleaners of the new South Bank Centre, was a Tchaikovsky Romeo and Juliet Overture of unusual lethargy. Sir Alexander Gibson cured in some embarrassing late entries and spread chords. Although the strings of the Royal Philharmonic pulled themselves together in time for a finely-textured love theme, when the flute took over there was little attempt to place its solo in a changed context. Sir Alexander's thick conglomerate of themes, drawn together so cunningly by Tchaikovsky in the development, pointed the repeated weakness of the evening: the lack of a selecting ear, and a baton unwilling to pose a new entry in a moment's silence or to anticipate the beginning of one phrase in the ending of another.

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The Bloomsbury stage is of considerable width and the cast sit at the sides between their appearances. For the first three acts they emerge out of the darkness on to the elegant set (designed by Paul Dart) where the black furniture leads us to expect some evening of scarcely relieved melancholy. But the director knows his author better than that, and throughout the evening encourages his cast to show us the laughable folly of these philosophizing soldiers and mismatched partners. A ripple of laughter greets Verzhinin's "My wife has taken poison again" - and why not? Seldom has his or the Baron's chatter sounded more fatuous than here.

Another strength of the production is the counterpointing of what goes on downstage with the background comments, offstage music and a stove-pipe roaring like an avalanche. A musical top gives us a moment as fleetingly beautiful as the more celebrated breaking string in The Cherry Orchard. If the sorrows of Holly Wilson, Leslee Udwin and Chloe Salaman do not manage to touch us, there is a cooing doctor from Philip Voss, pot-rooney rooted in self-disgust, and a companion-piece in evil from Christian Burgess's tormented Solyoy. But at three and a half hours it is a long journey to the fatal pistol-shot among the birch trees.

Jeremy Kingston Hilary Finch

movement of Dvořák's "New World" Symphony was the most distinguished. When the woodwind soloists, encouraged by the cor anglais lead, were given their head, a new liveliness of ensemble playing liberated the score. The concertante string postlude was a rare memorable moment in a performance which coasted along with little distinction other than its brusque climaxes which included some

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Pretax losses at BL leap 50% to £110.3 million

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

BL, the state-controlled motor car company whose Land Rover subsidiary remains at the centre of the Government's latest privatisation controversy, yesterday disclosed pretax losses for last year of £110.3 million, a 50 per cent increase on the £73.3 million loss in 1984. The apparent worsening was caused mainly by the sale of Jaguar in August 1984, which removed that company's profit-making activities from the BL group. The directors, led by Sir Austin Bida, the chairman, said, however, that the operating loss of £39.5 million represented "a significant reduction" on the comparable 1984 loss of £66.5 million.

after tax, interest and extraordinary items, was £138 million, compared with a profit of £80.6 million in 1984. The latter figure was distorted, however, by the impact of the £167 million of profit achieved from the sale of Jaguar. The board said: "Despite a further intensification of competitive conditions in all markets in which BL companies operate, on a comparable basis overall progress was achieved in production, sales and financial performance." Turnover for the year was £3,415 million of which £2,641 million accounted for £764 million, a 28 per cent rise on 1984. Excluding Jaguar's overseas sales, BL's 1984 exports were worth £598 million. Sales revenue in Britain was £2,353 million.

Sugar cash resignation

A boardroom clash rumbled at British Sugar yesterday over the payment of a secret £210 million extraordinary dividend to S & W Berisford, the sugar refiner's parent company. Mr Nigel Robison, a non-executive director, resigned after a board meeting of British Sugar agreed to pay Berisford the money. The payment is part of a possible sale by Berisford of British Sugar to Ferruzzi, the Italian foods and agricultural products group.

Imps accuses Hanson

The Imperial Group and United Biscuits yesterday complained to the Takeover Panel about a Hanson Trust advertisement which compared Hanson's offer with the Imperial share price and which appeared yesterday. The advertisement in The Times also incorrectly incorporated the wrong wording, saying that each of the offers was being shown. The panel accepted that The Times advertisement was an error by the advertising agency, Lowe Howard Spring, and is taking no action on it.

GRE retreat

Guardian Royal Exchange, the composite insurance company, made pretax profits of £3.5 million in 1985 against £2.2 million. The dividend is raised by 10.6 per cent to 28.75p. *Tempsis, page 19*

Christies fall

Christies International reported turnover for the year to December 1985 up £1 million on 1984 to £64 million. Pretax profit fell 24 per cent to £12.2 million. Earnings per share were 14.83p and the dividend was unchanged at 5.5p net. *Tempsis, page 19*

Bunzl payout

Bunzl turnover slipped 8 per cent to £788 million for the year to December 31 but pretax profit rose to £42.7 million, up 54 per cent. The dividend was raised by 2.5p to 10p net. *Tempsis, page 19*

BHP sues

Broken Hill Proprietary and its directors have issued separate writs concerning the exercise of voting rights for shares the company has bought in Bell Resources and allegations made by Bell.

Sketchley buy

Acceptances for the Sketchley offer for Breakmate have been received for 3.61 million Breakmate shares, representing 98.5 per cent.

No referral

The following proposed mergers will not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission: Ladbroke Group and Home Charm Group, Chicago Pacific Corporation and the Hoover Co. and TAC Construction Materials and Eternit Building Products.

Auditors' plea

Auditors are asking the Government to put a limit on negligence damages. The Chartered Association of Certified Accountants is seeking legislation to restrict liability to 10 times the fee.

UK reserves show biggest increase for five years

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain's official gold and foreign currency reserves recorded their biggest rise for more than five years last month, reflecting the pound's strength in the face of weak oil prices. The reserves rose by an underlying \$278 million (£189 million) in March, the biggest monthly increase since January, 1981. The actual rise last month was much larger, because of the annual revaluation of the reserves.



It is official policy not to comment on intervention in the foreign exchange markets. However, Treasury sources pointed out that the reserves fell sharply in the final three months of last year (by \$941 million) when the pound was weak and have risen by \$522 million in the first three months of this year. A healthy level of reserves could be important during the run-up to the next General Election, when support for sterling may be the only acceptable alternative to a politically damaging raising of interest rates.

The reserves, totalling \$18,750 million (£12,686 million) at the end of March, the highest since March, 1982. This compared with \$15,810 million at the end of February. The overall increase in the reserves was \$2,940 million. Of this, \$2,505 million was because of the annual revaluation, and \$435 million because of the monthly increase, before allowing for capital accruals and repayments.

The rise in the reserves, which was much bigger than City economists expected, suggests that the Bank of England took advantage of the pound's strength, particularly after the March 18 Budget, to boost the reserves.

The pound reached a 2 1/2-year high of \$1.5190 last month, and its average value also rose. The sterling index began the month at 72.5 and ended it 5 per cent higher at 76.3.

Bank lending slows

The pace of bank lending has slowed markedly, according to the latest quarterly analysis of advances from the Bank of England. Total lending rose 2 per cent, or \$2.97 billion, in the three months to mid-February.

After seasonal adjustment, the rise was \$3.36 billion, £1.6 billion less than in the previous three months. The slowdown in the pace of lending, together with lower-than-expected public sector borrowing, has reduced the rate of increase of broad money.

The figures show why the banks have been adopting a more aggressive approach to mortgage lending. In the November-February period, mortgage lending by the banks increased by \$640 million, less than half the rise in the previous two quarters.

Around half the rise in lending in the most recent three-month period was to the financial sector.

Guinness Peat to buy broker

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Guinness Peat, the investment management and merchant banking group, announced yesterday that it had reached an advanced stage in negotiations to acquire 100 per cent of Henderson Crosthwaite, the stockbroker.

The size of the deal was not disclosed but the move would add a medium-sized broking capacity in both private and institutional business.

The private client business of Henderson Crosthwaite will be fitted in with the personal finance services offered by Guinness Peat. The institutional business will be combined with White & Chesterman, the jobber which is wholly owned by Guinness Peat, to create the core of Guinness Peat Securities.

Mr Alastair Morton, the Guinness Peat chief executive, said: "The private client business will be a valuable addition to the retail financial services we are building up within the group. On the securities side we are not aiming to compete with the big US securities houses after big bang but offer a more specialised service in certain stocks."

Ocean plan to diversify after ship sales

By Claire Dobie

Ocean Transport & Trading, the shipping company with growing industrial on-shore activities, yesterday announced an increase in profits from £30.1 million to £31.9 million before tax in the year to December 31.

Associates, including Overseas Containers, increased their contribution to £26.8 million from £19.4 million. There was a £5.6 million loss on the sale of ships, against a £5.8 million profit in 1984. Last year Ocean Transport sold three bulk carriers, thereby withdrawing from bulk shipping, and it has disposed of three surplus liners.

The company now plans to expand the industrial side, having already acquired several small businesses in coal distribution. The final dividend is 3.95p making 6.5p for the year against 5.5p in 1984. The shares were unchanged at 197p.

Washington feels pressure for oil production pact

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The Reagan Administration is reassessing its policies to decide whether it should put pressure on Saudi Arabia and Britain to reach an oil production agreement.

The Administration is under severe political pressure from US oil-producing states, but officials are divided over whether the harmful effects of the oil price collapse are beginning to outweigh the good effects, measured by more optimistic world economic growth projections.

The officials decided to publicize their concern on the eve of Vice-President George Bush's visit to Saudi Arabia which begins today.



Administration officials have said that stability is unlikely unless the Saudis and the Opec nations are able to settle their differences with Britain. Studies indicate that as the price for oil paid by US refiners drops from \$15 to \$10 a barrel, losses in the big energy-producing states could cancel gains made elsewhere. Four of the biggest oil-producing states suffering recessions - Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Alaska - account for 10 per cent of total US employment and 11 per cent of total retail sales.

Since December, when crude oil was priced at about \$26 a barrel, the credit rankings of large Texas banks have dropped sharply.

Enterprise to slash exploration

By Carol Ferguson

Enterprise Oil, the former oil production arm of the British Gas Corporation, yesterday announced a 40 per cent cut in its exploration programme. This year because of the fall in the price of oil.

In announcing the results of its first full year of operations since privatization in mid-1984, the company forecast for 1986 "a much reduced level of activity and profits from which Enterprise is not immune".

For the year to December 1985, Enterprise said oil production in the North Sea was more than 35,000 barrels a day, from seven fields, an increase of 9 per cent on last year.

A lower sterling oil price meant that turnover was unchanged at £266 million. Exploration write-offs were £32.8 million, nearly double the 1984 level. Despite higher interest income, pretax profit was down by 20 per cent to £11 million.

The company made several acquisitions, of which Saxoo Oil is the most important. Saxoo's Miller field is one of the largest undeveloped British oil fields.

These acquisitions have increased the exploration area and six further oil and gas discoveries which could be developed over the next 10 years.

However, if the oil price remains under \$18 a barrel for a long time, the commercial viability of many undeveloped fields will be in doubt. Nevertheless, Enterprise was confident that its financial resilience would enable it to continue the development of the business in the short term.

Whitehall steels itself for Cornish tinmen's appeal

By Michael Prest, Financial Correspondent

Cornwall's tin mines, which face closure after the collapse of the world tin price, are appealing to the Government for financial help to stem heavy losses and are considering legal action against the London Metal Exchange for alleged loss of revenue.

That yesterday Whitehall sources said that the mines stood little chance of obtaining revenue subsidies, although capital assistance for economic projects might be possible. Mr Kenneth Gilbert, managing director of Gevor, accused the Department of Trade and Industry of using the lack of a formal application by his company for capital assistance as an excuse for refusing to consider short-term production subsidies.

It wants £1 million to continue production over the three months Gevor believes the Department of Trade and Industry will take to process the application, which is due to be sent on Friday. Carnon is seeking rather more and has already held several rounds of discussions with the department. Ironically, production this year is at a record average of 94 tonnes of tin in concentrate a month, compared with 74 tonnes in 1985.

Cornish sources recognize, however, that they will have difficulty convincing Whitehall that their mines can be economic. Carnon's average production cost is £7,000 a tonne, and Gevor's is more than £8,000. Continued capital investment could reduce Carnon's costs to nearer £6,000 a tonne.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Sir Gordon hits out over competition

The spate of takeover bids has not left competition policy in disarray. Far from it. At least, that was last night's controversial message from Sir Gordon Borrie, Director-General of Fair Trading, who took advantage of the Finance Houses' Association annual dinner to argue that competition policy was now clearer on three counts.

Sir Gordon began with a swipe at Alex Fletcher, the former minister who now advises Argyll in its bid for Distillers. When Sir Gordon decided not to refer for Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation the second Guinness bid for Distillers, after the proposal to divest some of the Distillers whisky brands, Mr Fletcher said that a wedge was being driven through the Government's competition policy. Sir Gordon said last night: "He speaks with the authority of ministerial experience, but I think he has allowed his judgment to be clouded by his current attachment as a consultant to Argyll."

Sir Gordon recalled the Tebbitt dictum that the primary ground for merger referral is concern over reduction in market competition. But primary does not mean exclusive, he pointed out. Hence, he said, the Elders' bid for Allied-Lyons was referred because of concern at the high leverage. He looks to the commission's report, due in the summer, to provide helpful guidance on the issue to everybody, including

Sir Gordon himself - whichever way the report goes. It is clear, said Sir Gordon, that when only one of two rival bids demands investigation it will be referred and not the other, even though that limits the choice for the target company's shareholders. Well, that is at least fair warning.

Sir Gordon maintained that his referrals of the original United Biscuits' bid for Imperial and Guinness's first Distillers approach were entirely consistent with the Tebbitt dictum. It was equally clear, he said, that a referred bidder should be able to revise proposals in order to eliminate the competition problem.

In these two instances the bidders satisfied the commission that the original plans had been abandoned and the references were set aside. Sir Gordon said: "In both cases a binding agreement was reached to dispose of parts of the business to be acquired and to ensure that the merger would not give rise to very high market shares. This seems to me to vindicate competition policy, not to undermine it."

No flotation in sight at 3i

Plans to float Investors In Industry on the stock market have been shelved indefinitely after several meetings of the venture capital group's eight main shareholders - a decision revealed in the prospectus for a £100 million 3i loan issue.

The document stresses that no decision has yet been taken on either a listing or on the disposal by any of the 3i shareholders including the Bank of England and the main clearing banks, of their holdings. However, the shareholders have "agreed in principle that in the interests of preserving 3i Group's special role and character, overall control should be retained for the foreseeable future within the present shareholding group."

Reading between the lines, that means there will be no listing this year or next and that it is highly improbable there will be any change in the shareholding structure.

The idea of flotation was initiated by Midland when it was strapped for cash and casting around for disposals. Its 18 per cent shareholding in 3i, the world's largest single source of venture capital, was an obvious target.

Today Midland's need is not so urgent, and with an one to drive the proposal through, it was perhaps inevitable that talks about a listing should have bogged down.

The last published accounts showed that risk capital investments financed out of borrowings had grown to £20.4 million. Accounts for the year to the end of last month will show that this figure has almost doubled and with the continuing growth in the activities of 3i Ventures and the trend towards ever larger and more ambitious management buyouts - 3i is responsible for about half Britain's management buyouts - there is bound to be considerable growth again this year.

Though 3i is still nowhere near its borrowing limits, the upshot is that at some stage soon either 3i's present shareholders are going to have to provide new capital or they are going to have to make it possible for others to do so.

On this latter count they have done themselves few favours by failing to agree on whether the long-term nature of 3i's business would be better reflected if its accounts were prepared on the basis on an investment company. Such a status would carry certain tax advantages as well as allowing 3i to revalue on an annual basis its considerable portfolio of unquoted investments.

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WALL STREET

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - The Dow Jones industrial average slipped to 1,784.12 shortly after opening yesterday, down 5.99 on Tuesday. The transportation average was down 7.48 to 805.57 and the utilities average slipped 0.87 to 190.4. The 65 stocks average was down 6.00 to 700.17. Tuesday's trading saw 621 issues advancing, 1,105 declining, and 350 unchanged. Volume totalled 167,390,000 shares on Tuesday compared with the previous close of 134,440,000. The American Stock Exchange volume totalled 14,090,280 shares on Tuesday compared with the previous close of 13,987,495.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES table showing market rates for various currencies and time periods.

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 75.8 (day's range 75.4-75.8). Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOPEX and Easyl. *Lloyds Bank International.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table showing money market rates for various currencies and gold prices.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Table showing Euro money deposit rates for different currencies and terms.

GOLD

Gold prices and related market information.

ECDO

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period February 5 1986 to February 4 1986 inclusive: 12.64 per cent.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table showing London financial futures prices for various instruments.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE table listing prices for various commodities like oil, sugar, and metals.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Table showing other sterling rates for various international currencies.

Prices and quotations on this page refer to Tuesday's trading

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Large table listing various investment trusts with columns for name, price, and change.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Table providing detailed information for various unit trusts, including their names and performance metrics.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Table listing financial trusts and their associated data.

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TEMPUS

Profits slump at GRE but outlook brightens

Guardian Royal Exchange's shares, in an apparently perverse reaction to the news of the slump in 1985 pretax profits to a paltry £3.5 million from £52.2 million in 1984, gained 24p to 87.5p yesterday. Only a month ago, City analysts had been forecasting double profits of £30 million to £38 million.

Isro's new chief is used to change

Change is no stranger to Mr Jonathan Agnew, the newly appointed chief executive of the International Securities Regulatory Organization (Isro). "I like change, that is a fair criticism of me," he says. It is not that his career is littered with dozens of different jobs; just that having made a success of his job he has tended to move on to other things.

STOCK MARKET REPORT Buoyant shares break record

Initial uncertainty did not last long on stock markets, and by the end of the day prices had broken through to new records. The FT 30-share index closed up 17.2 at 1419.4 and the FT-SE 100 was 18.9 higher at 1702.9.

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns for EQUITIES, RECENT ISSUES, and RIGHTS ISSUES. Lists various stocks and their prices.

Fairey sold for £22 million

Williams Holdings, the fast-growing diversified engineering group, is buying the world's leading military bridging company, Fairey Engineering, from Pearson for £22 million.

Hong Kong goes high-tech

Trading on Hong Kong's new space age stock exchange made a bullish start yesterday as leading stocks traded lower than before the Easter holiday.

COMPANY NEWS

DELANEY GROUP: Mr R Delaney, the chairman, said that in the first two months of this year the order book is 21 per cent higher than at same time last year. TOWN CENTRE SECURITIES: An interim dividend of 0.4p (same) is payable for the six months to December 31, 1985.

BASE LENDING RATES

Table listing various bank base lending rates, such as ABN at 12%, Adam & Company at 11%, etc.

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Sun Life: Onward and upward

Table comparing Sun Life results for 1985 and 1984. Columns include Results, 1985, and 1984. Rows include Proprietors' share of profits, Expenses, etc.



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	1985 £m	1984 £m
Turnover	766.9	779.8
Trading profit	18.8	16.2
Profit before tax and ship sales	37.5	24.3
Profit attributable to stockholders	16.4	14.1
Earnings per stock unit	17.5p	16.8p
Dividend per stock unit	6.5p	5.5p

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SUN ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP RESULTS FOR 1985

The group results for 1985, subject to audit, are as follows:

	1985 £m	1984 £m
Premium Income		
General Insurance	1,778.5	1,606.7
Long-term Insurance	576.6	505.1
	2,355.1	2,111.8
General insurance underwriting loss	(183.4)	(198.7)
Long-term insurance profits	20.9	18.4
Investment and other income	200.2	227.9
GROUP PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	37.7	47.6
Taxation	2.8	4.1
GROUP PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	34.9	43.5
Minority interests	7.2	6.5
GROUP NET PROFIT FOR YEAR	27.7	37.0
Adjustment to exclude net loss incurred by Phoenix prior to acquisition	-	4.0
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	27.7	41.0
DIVIDEND	34.5	30.6
RETAINED PROFITS TRANSFER	(6.8)	10.4
EARNINGS PER SHARE	14.0p	20.8p
DIVIDEND PER SHARE	17.5p	15.5p

TERRITORIAL ANALYSIS OF GENERAL INSURANCE RESULTS

	1985		1984	
	Premium income £m	Underwriting result £m	Premium income £m	Underwriting result £m
United Kingdom & Ireland	817.9	(69.9)	669.3	(83.2)
Europe	199.1	(30.8)	184.5	(11.5)
U.S.A. (note 1)	180.2	(18.0)	272.1	(35.0)
Canada	92.8	(17.8)	105.1	(16.2)
Australia (note 2)	66.5	(16.7)	53.6	(6.7)
Other overseas areas	120.8	(11.7)	141.0	(17.0)
Reinsurance	29.2	(14.8)	36.9	(22.0)
Marine and Aviation (worldwide)	153.0	(3.7)	144.2	(7.1)
	1,659.5	(183.4)	1,606.7	(198.7)
Reinsurance from Chubb Corporation	119.0	-	-	-
	1,778.5	(183.4)	1,606.7	(198.7)

Notes - (1) The U.S.A. figures for 1984 include the Phoenix's Continental pool business which was terminated on 1.1.1985.
(2) The 1985 results for Australia include the business of Phoenix Prudential (formerly an associated company) which became a wholly owned subsidiary with effect from 1.1.1985.

GENERAL INSURANCE UNDERWRITING RESULTS

The premium income for the year included a premium of £110m receivable under an excess of loss reinsurance agreement with Chubb Corporation relating to anticipated future claims in respect of discontinued U.S. medical malpractice business. This reinsurance, with a fixed limit of liability, was a non-recurring facility afforded to Chubb because of the Group's close association. Excluding this reinsurance premium, general business premium income increased by 3.3% in sterling terms. The underlying premium growth, after allowing for currency fluctuations and changes in the business portfolio was 19.2%.

At Home, the household results were badly affected by the severe weather at the beginning of the year and further adverse weather claims in December. Better results were achieved in commercial property classes, reflecting a reduction in the number of large fire losses, but substantial underwriting losses were suffered in both the commercial and private motor accounts.

In Europe, the deterioration was mainly attributable to sharply increased underwriting losses in Holland and unfavourable motor experience in Denmark.

In the U.S.A., most commercial lines are beginning to benefit from the improving market conditions but liability results remain unsatisfactory. The underwriting loss does not include the Group's additional claims provisions in respect of its own discontinued medical malpractice business which have been met by a transfer from retained profits.

In Canada, the result suffered from an increase in large property claims and continuing poor experience in the automobile account. The increased underwriting loss in Australia was partly due to weather losses in Brisbane at the beginning of the year and in

The above statement is a summary of the year's results. The full audited Report and Accounts will be passed to shareholders on 25th April, 1986 and delivered to the Registrar of Companies after the Annual General Meeting.

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Tarmac in £30m pavilion plan

By Judith Huntley

Tarmac Properties, part of Tarmac, the construction company based in the Midlands, has ambitious development plans.

It is taking the brave step of investing £30 million in a 200,000 sq ft office development in Brighton next to the Pavilion built for the Prince Regent in the eighteenth century. But there is nothing eighteenth century about the building planned by Tarmac Properties.

An application goes to the planners this week. Brighton Council would gain an ice rink and a big increase in car parking from the scheme.

Tarmac Properties is hoping for rents of £10.50 a sq ft on the development by the time it is completed in about three years. The company has just let a small amount of space in the town at £8.50 a sq ft.

Tarmac Properties must be hoping for another American Express, whose British head-

quarters is in Brighton, to take its new building or that an owner-occupier in the financial services field appears.

The company is exploring ways of financing the Brighton project with Morgan Grenfell. It may raise seven to 10-year money and then sell equity stakes in the completed and let development. Syndication is definitely in the company's mind.

Its joint venture with London & Edinburgh Trust, the fast growing property company, at Waterside Park in Bracknell, Berkshire, has taken a step nearer with the granting of planning permission for the 300,000 sq ft scheme.

Tarmac Properties, which says its pretax profits equal those of LET, its partner, is aiming for rents of £12 a sq ft at Waterside.

Mr Steve Reeves, head of Tarmac Properties, says that he would have been sceptical about achieving rents at that level a year ago but lettings in

the neighbourhood and growth seen so far have convinced him that £12 a sq ft is obtainable.

Hewlett Packard, the American computer company set a record rent for campus office space at Waterside by paying £10 a sq ft for 105,000 sq ft of space developed by LET on land bought from Tarmac. That was the beginning of the relationship between the two which led to the establishment of the joint company to develop the next 15 acre phase at Bracknell in a £50 million partnership.

Hewlett Packard, meanwhile, has just bought 25 acres of land only half a mile from Waterside, making it the largest owner-occupier purchase in the area.

Tarmac Properties has another large scheme under its belt at Cardiff where it plans to develop a £30 million retail, housing, leisure and office scheme with the help of a £10 million urban development grant.

Its central London office development next to Charing Cross Station, funded by Scottish Amicable, was taken by British Aerospace at a rent of £22 a sq ft, a figure which could have been higher had the covenant not been so good.

But the company has recently backed away from two potential schemes. It had planned to buy the Technicolour site close to London's Heathrow Airport and the Wilkinson Sword site at Poyle, Hampshire.

Tarmac Properties' future looks likely to stay within the parent company to which it contributes a mere 2.5 per cent of overall profits but a very visible profile.

Sir Eric Pountain, the chairman of Tarmac, is not willing to have off his property arm despite the speculation of some and desire of others to see it floated as a separate company on the stock market.

Guardian Royal Exchange Group Results for 1985

Subject to audit the results of the Guardian Royal Exchange Group for the year ended 31st December 1985 are as follows:

	1985 £m	1984 £m
Investment Income	193.6	202.7
Less Interest Payable	14.3	16.0
	179.3	186.7
Underwriting Results		
Short-term insurance business	(154.3)	(111.2)
Long-term insurance business	19.1	16.7
	(135.2)	(94.5)
Profit before loss on discontinued international professional indemnity business, taxation and extraordinary item	44.1	92.2
Loss on discontinued international professional indemnity business	(40.6)	-
Profit before taxation and extraordinary item	3.5	92.2
Less		
taxation	15.0	34.9
minority interests	2.3	3.0
	17.3	37.9
(Loss)/profit after taxation and before extraordinary item	(13.8)	54.3
Extraordinary item - contingency claims provision in respect of discontinued international professional indemnity business	(55.0)	-
(Loss)/profit transferred to retained profits	(68.8)	54.3
Earnings per ordinary share (after taxation and before extraordinary item)	(8.7)p	34.5p
Statement of retained profits:		
Retained profits 1st January	373.7	345.5
(Loss)/profit for the year	(68.8)	54.3
	304.9	399.8
Ordinary Dividends:		
Interim 9.00p per share	14.2	13.4
Proposed Final 19.75p per share	31.4	27.5
Total	45.6	40.9
	259.3	358.9
Contingency reinsurance fund profit	1.6	1
Profits less losses on investments sold less taxation	61.7	14.7
Retained profits 31st December	322.6	373.7

Results by Territories (before taxation)

	1985			1984		
	Net Premiums £m	Underwriting Result £m	Investment Income £m	Net Premiums £m	Underwriting Result £m	Investment Income £m
Australia	80.3	(9.9)	14.3	123.4	1.2	16.7
Canada	100.0	(16.6)	12.2	107.6	(11.5)	16.0
Germany	197.0	(9.6)	22.8	178.6	(7.0)	21.0
Republic of Ireland	35.7	2.6	5.2	24.9	(1.6)	4.5
South Africa	34.5	(2.0)	4.0	43.1	(2.1)	5.0
U.K.	459.7	(66.9)	70.9	388.0	(45.5)	69.8
U.S.A.	173.6	(20.2)	15.4	166.7	(19.1)	16.5
Miscellaneous	205.9	(31.7)	34.5	208.3	(25.6)	37.2
	1,286.7	(154.3)	179.3	1,238.6	(111.2)	186.7

Exchange Rates

	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985	1984		
Australia	2.12	1.40	Germany	3.54	3.73	2.30		
Canada	2.02	1.53	Rep. of Ireland	1.16	1.17	U.S.A.	1.45	1.16

The Chairman's Statement last year referred to the adverse effect of professional negligence claims, particularly those written in London on an international basis involving leading accountancy firms. This class of business has been discontinued but large numbers of claims have continued to be notified on earlier years of account and estimates on many existing claims have been substantially increased. This has been shown as a separate item of £40.6m under loss on discontinued business. In some cases the contract provides however that we must continue to offer cover to existing clients for up to three years during the run-off period. To provide for any losses which may occur under this future commitment we have thought it prudent to make provision of a further £55m this year as an extraordinary item. The long tail nature of this business makes it difficult to estimate with accuracy, particularly in predicting the future of American legal practice, but we believe we have established a realistic estimate on the basis of current information. Tax relief will be dealt with as losses emerge and accordingly no deferred tax benefit has been assumed; the amount of tax relief on the contingency claims provision is estimated to be approximately £19m.

The short-term business underwriting results for the year were impacted severely by claims in the first half of 1985 from natural disasters in Australasia, a cyclone affecting Canada and the U.S.A. and heavier than usual weather related claims in the U.K., Germany and France. The short-term business underwriting results for the second half of 1985 however have shown a significant improvement over the underwriting results for the first six months of the year and in part reflect the corrective action which has been taken.

The underlying investment income growth was 7.4%. The profits from our long-term business have made a useful contribution to the results.

The effect of exchange rate movements has been to decrease net premiums by £165.7m, investment income by £21.3m and the short-term underwriting loss by £28.0m.

During the year, and in connection with the reclassification of our short-term business, home foreign business reported previously within our U.K. results is now reported as part of the Miscellaneous result. Comparative figures for 1984 have been adjusted accordingly.

Dividend

The financial strength of the Company has permitted the progressive dividend policy to be maintained and accordingly the Directors recommend the payment of a final dividend which, with the interim dividend paid in January 1985, will constitute an increase of 10.6% compared with the dividend paid to shareholders in respect of the year 1984.

If approved at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 28th May 1986 a payment at the rate of 19.75p per share (gross equivalent 27.82p) in respect of the final dividend will be made on 2nd July 1986 to holders of Ordinary shares whose names appear on the register at 3p.m. on 30th May 1986 making, with the interim payment in January last, a total of 28.75p (1984: 26.0p) per share (gross equivalent 40.67p; 1984: 37.14p).

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Industrial buildings show recovery signs

● Voids, or non-income producing industrial property, in institutional portfolios have fallen to 2 per cent by March this year, the first fall recorded by Hillier Parker, the chartered surveyor, since its records began in 1982.

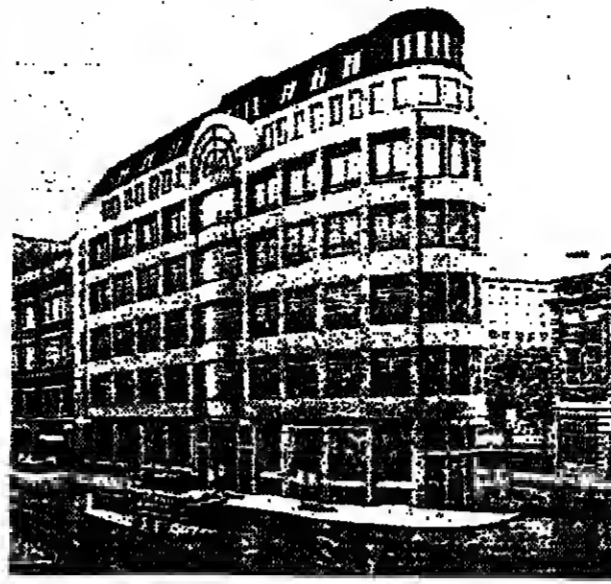
value of institutional portfolios. And the rate rises to 8 per cent when measured as a proportion of overall floorspace.

There is a 92-ft height restriction above ground, excluding the proposed atrium. Outline consent for the scheme could be given today, leaving the detailed design to be worked out.

Dissenters challenge units

By Judith Humley

The property industry's attempts to set up a market trading units in individual commercial properties continue apace, but there are still many doubts about the idea.



Speyhawk, the property company, has sold the freehold of its joint development at 71/77 Leadenhall Street and Mitre Street in the City of London for £20 million. The offices have been bought by the Swiss Reinsurance Group which will use the building as its London headquarters. Speyhawk developed the scheme with the Johnston Group, a Surrey builder. The property company will project manage the scheme. Swiss Reinsurance is to sell Speyhawk its former City offices at 108 Cannon Street for £11 million for the 22,000 sq ft freehold building. Speyhawk is to redevelop the site which formerly belonged to MEPC. Sinclair Goldsmith and Mellish & Harding are the letting agents for Cannon Street.

Scrimgeour Vickers, the stockbroker, has joined the dissenters by asking whether such a market would even be profitable.

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Appellant need not attend if represented

Regina v Croydon Crown Court, Ex parte Claire. Before Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Mr Justice Mann [Judgment given March 19].

It was quite clear that the defendant could appear by counsel if he wished but there was no strong obligation to be present himself.

Industrial injury in removing danger

McGovern v British Steel Corporation. Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson [Judgment given March 21].

Those events might involve the intervention of some human action; it would then be necessary to examine whether the intervention was a natural and probable consequence of the breach and, if so, whether the conduct of the intervenor was such as to break the chain of causation.

Erasure of program is criminal act

Cox v Riley. Justices who found that a defendant had deliberately erased a computer program from the plastic circuit card of a computerised saw as to whether the saw inoperable had properly found the defendant guilty of criminal damage under section 1(1) of the Criminal Damage Act 1971.

that the programme was not tangible within section 10(1) of the Act and that erasing it did not amount to damage.

Financial aid provision is retrospective

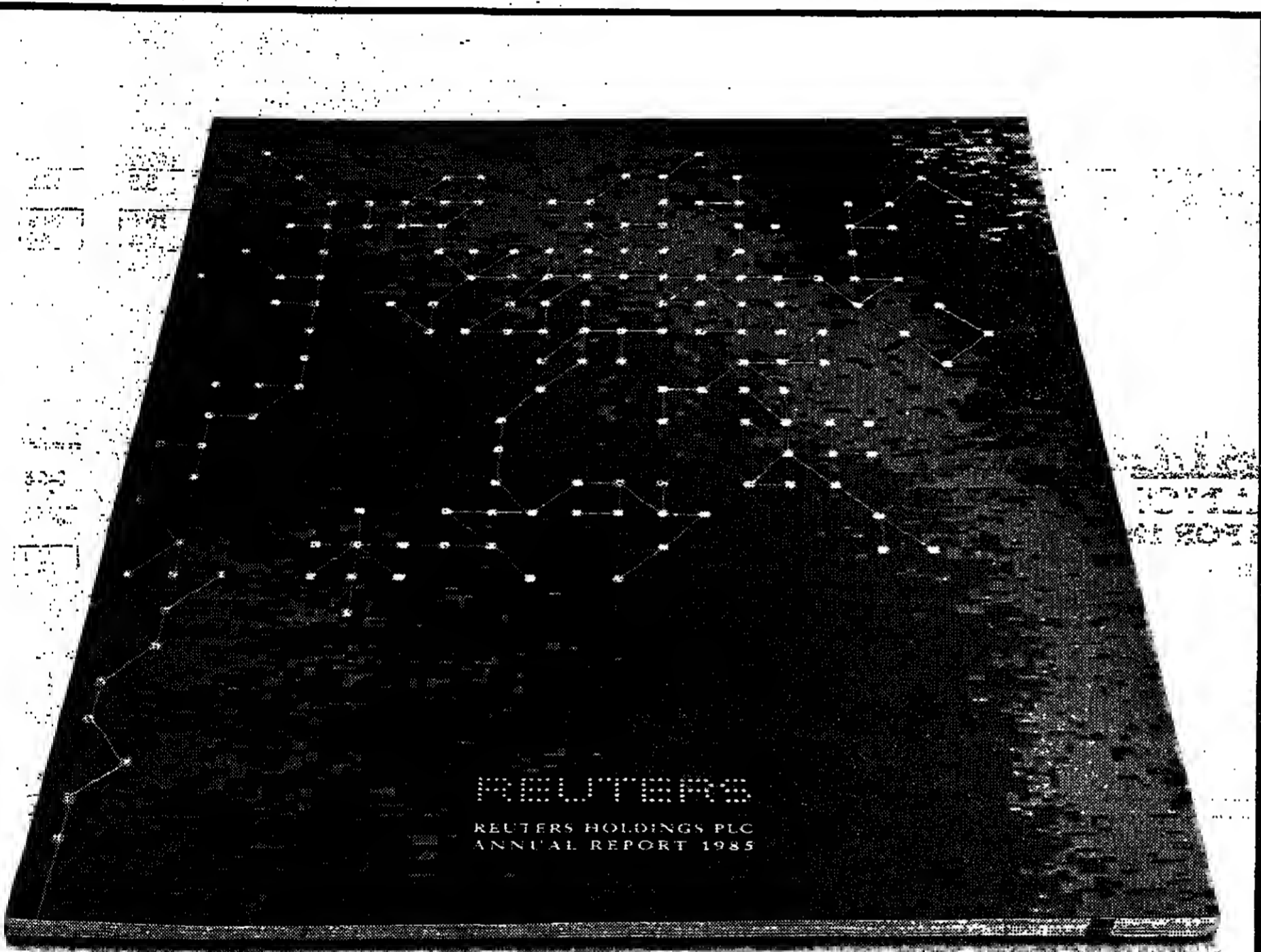
Chebarov v Chebarov. The provisions of section 12 of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 were retrospective and the court had jurisdiction thereunder to entertain an application for leave to apply for financial relief by a former wife against the former husband notwithstanding that the marriage between the parties had been dissolved overseas before September 16, 1985, the date that the 1984 Act came into force.

Mr Justice Sheldon so held in the Family Division on March 26 when granting leave to the applicant to apply for financial relief from her former husband who had been granted a decree of divorce in Lebanon on April 16, 1985, the validity of which would be recognised in England and Wales.

September sittings

Practice Direction. Exercising his powers under Order 64, rule 2(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, and with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor, Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, directed on March 18 that the Court of Appeal (Civil Division) should sit during the month of September in 1986 and in future years until further notice.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares outpace gilts

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 1. Dealings end April 11. Settlement day April 14. Settlement day, April 21. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Main stock exchange price table with columns: High/Low, Company, Price, Change, % Change, P/E. Includes sections for BREWERIES, BUILDING AND ROADS, FINANCE AND LAND, FOODS, HOTELS AND CATERERS, INDUSTRIALS A-D, and S-Z.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

THE TIMES

April 3, 1986

Reading through previous articles on this page it was surprising to find how rarely the word *enterprise* was mentioned. Yet this is the core of Britain's problems today and the key to its solution. Achievement, results and success are a product of mixing skills and motivation with experience, a mixture where the key element in the package is the word *enterprise*, used in its broadest sense. If the *enterprise* element is right, the other elements will work well together.

There is no shortage of *enterprise* in Britain today. Unfortunately, much of it is channelled in unconstructive directions — into crime, rioting, city scandals and tax evasion.

Britain not only needs more *enterprise*. It needs to ensure that this *enterprise* is used positively in the interests of society as a whole. Fostering *enterprise* is not just valuable in itself; it gives people more control over their lives; it encourages self-sufficiency and it makes people less slaves to their organizations. It also provides the freedom to make life and work more satisfying.

But perhaps even more important, it is *enterprise* and entrepreneurial effort that create the new

ideas, new companies and new jobs. It is the main employment growth sector. It is the key to the level of prosperity and job satisfaction.

One reason for so many negative side effects of *enterprise* in Britain is that our institutions and organizations are so traditional. They spend so much time looking back into the precedents of history and pandering to or appeasing vested interests. Our educational system has been geared to producing bureaucrats and academics, not self-sufficient enterprising individuals. Most *enterprise* emerges despite the system, not because of it.

That is the magnitude of the challenge. What is the answer? To start with there will be little or no real progress if this whole issue is seen in party political terms.

Historically, *enterprise* education has tended to be concerned with small business, but the basic skills are much wider. They include such characteristics as the ability to have ideas, do things differently, take initiatives, be a self-starter — get things done.

So what can be done? Here it is important to recognize that some things are happening. Change is taking place in many areas and this progress needs to be recog-

Enterprise is the vital factor that is so often forgotten in the search for the key to prosperity, says Bruce Lloyd



lateral is very different. The energy and *enterprise* is there, if only it can be encouraged and harnessed to good effect.

The same basic issues arise in the polytechnics, universities and other institutes of higher education, again recognizing that some things have changed in the past decade — science parks and new *enterprise* programmes — but links with industry and commerce are not close enough. The new graduate *enterprise* programmes are still the exception, rather than the rule.

Things are changing in the business schools and management centres. Many more MBAs are getting involved in running their own companies, or moving into

the venture capital industry. But still the small firm sector is viewed with suspicion by many academics. Venture creation courses are active links with the small business sector but are still exceptions rather than the rule. Perhaps the MBA needs to change its emphasis from administration to *enterprise*, but awarding MBEs could cause confusion with the other award.

Overall government expenditure on training has increased enormously during the past five years to an annual figure of more than £1 billion. Yet the Youth Training Scheme is still dominated by a "skill" rather than *enterprise* approach. It is beginning to change, and perhaps the two-year course will help, but it is hard not to feel that attitudes and priorities in this area still leave much to be desired.

Contrast the Manpower Services Commission budget with the few hundred pounds budget of the Education Enterprise Network, who are desperately trying to effect change in teaching attitudes and methods.

The adult-education industry has a vast network of hobby courses — Britain must be the most sophisticated hobby society in the world — and this can be an invaluable base for income earn-

ing, *enterprise* growth. Yet, very little attention is given to help these activities can be used to help people earn a living.

In this whole area the media, whether television or newspapers, have much to contribute. Again, there has been some change in the past decade. But the Open University and Open Tech are both still dominated by the tradition of academic teaching rather than an *enterprise* approach to learning. With a few commendable exceptions, newspapers are generally more preoccupied with bingo than constructive *enterprise* activities. Television is preoccupied with panel games.

In another area what efforts are being put into injecting constructive *enterprise*-orientated training programmes into our prisons? The latest results of the prison work programme indicated a shambles, if not a scandal. Yet the prisons probably hold one of the largest concentrations of entrepreneurial talent in the country!

In some parts of the country there are LiveWire Twinning programmes, or Jobmate schemes, but these successful ideas should be applied much more widely and much more quickly, if the real

needs of society and the individual are to work together.

The idea of job clubs started recently by the MSC is a commendable initiative, but both job centres and the MSC itself tend to be over-focused on traditional approaches in the way they operate, with emphasis on skills and employment rather than *enterprise*.

Much has also changed in the City and the financial world in the past few years — the Business Expansion Scheme, the growth of the OTC and the USM, the expansion of the venture capital industry, the explosion in management buyouts, the loan guarantee scheme, the growth of small business centres, workshops and cooperatives, as well as the privatization programme.

Britain did have its first *Enterprise* week in May 1985, but it is a pity that this year is *Industry* Year, not *Enterprise* Year. If *enterprise* can be put into industry then there is a chance of solving its other problems. *Industry* Year needs to have *enterprise* at its core. If *enterprise* is not encouraged and developed constructively there will be little cause for optimism.

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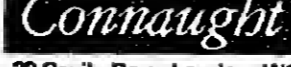
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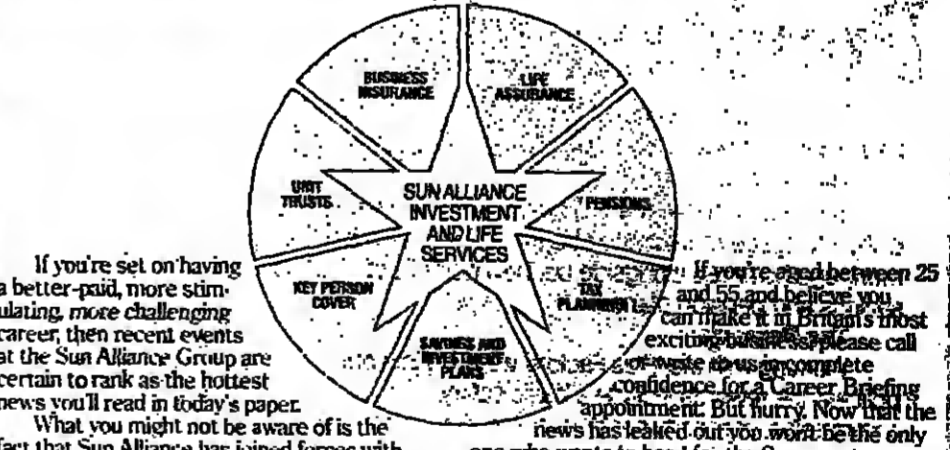


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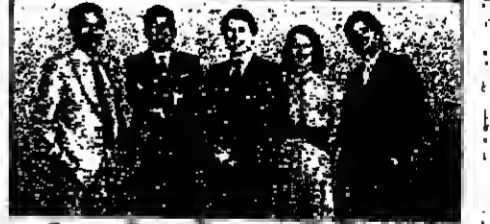
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HORIZONS

A guide to career development

Reading between the lines

Recently I found myself discussing the recruitment process with a friend of several years' standing...

One day his Head of Department took him aside and drew his attention to a vacancy notice in the 'Times Educational Supplement'...

"I've seen it," my friend replied. "In fact, I was going to ask whether you thought I should apply for it."

"Go ahead, my boy," said the other. "It's yours."

I am sure that most job-hunters can cite instances from their own experience where a job vacancy was as good as filled before it was even advertised.

The fact of the matter is that some organisations - particularly public sector ones - publicise their vacancies as a matter of course.

All is fair, it seems, in love, war and the job market, and the only way to come out on top is to perfect your job finding strategy.

Vacancies in an expanding field

with the identification of a suitable vacancy and understanding what the advertisement really means.

When you see a senior post advertised, do you ever wonder why it is up for grabs? Is this, in fact, a genuine vacancy open to all comers...

Short of enlisting the services of a private investigator there is no sure way of finding out. But you can hazard a few guesses...

If the vacancy occurs in an expanding organisation or field, for example, then you need have no qualms about applying for it.

On the other hand, if a company or institution is experiencing slow growth...

Understanding some job advertisements can often be a complex matter. R.A. Jones looks at some of the ways to interpret recruitment ads

- or even contracting - be prepared for disappointment. For here you are likely to be up against candidates from within the firm...

Recruitment advertising can be quite a costly business, so many firms - particularly small ones - do not advertise unless they need to.

The same goes for vacancies handled by recruitment agencies. A sensible firm does not spend perhaps thousands of pounds on commissions to outside consultants...

Outside consultants generally have a more objective idea of a particular post than the firm itself, and this can work in the applicant's favour.

If the vacancy notice emanates from the company itself, you may need to scrutinise the wording with care.

At the other end of the scale the "young, dynamic hi-tech company" is to need of "an experienced accountant" could well be headed by a group of upworldly boffins...

To either confirm or refute your guesswork you need to get hold of past reports and any other literature relating to the firm to which you are applying.

This is an important point. There is no point in joining an outfit where you'll be a square peg in a round hole.

back on the dole within a matter of months.

To change the subject slightly, have you ever had the experience of being turned down for a post and then seen it re-advertised? Infuriating, isn't it?

The ideal candidate will be a Chartered Secretary with an accounting background and experience of multi-user computer systems.

On the other hand such an ad could mean that the organisation has difficulty in recruiting or retaining staff, in which case further investigation is called for.

Or perhaps the selectors feel that their first trawl has not brought in sufficient applicants of the calibre they hoped for...

When appointment is a foregone conclusion

applicants of the calibre they hoped for, so they are having another attempt at recruitment.

By this stage you may be starting to regard every job notice you see with the profoundest mistrust, but do not let your heightened perception deter you from applying for as many jobs as you can.

By all means scrutinise each ad with care, but do not admit defeat before you even start your application.

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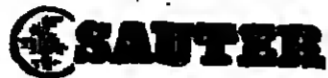
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FOOTBALL: EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW HAS THE INGREDIENTS TO KEEP EVERYBODY HAPPY

England game gives Irish joy and Turkish delight

By Clive White
There was happiness in the Northern Ireland camp when they were drawn to open their European championship challenge with a home game against England...

It was in November at Wembley, amid foreign fears of collusion, that Northern Ireland scored the point they needed to qualify for the World Cup finals in Mexico this summer...

David Bowen, secretary of the Northern Ireland FA, said: "This draw could not be better for us. We wanted to start with a home game against England..."

Billy Bingham, their manager, was also satisfied with the order of fixtures, which close with a game against Turkey at Windsor Park...

A Football Association spokesman said: "It should be emphasized that we and the Scottish Association have previously allowed matches between English and Scottish clubs to take place..."

The Tottenham secretary, Peter Day, said yesterday: "Our policy objected to the testimonial on the grounds that it would encourage Scottish supporters to come down early for the international..."

Corby County's third division promotion match against Gillingham at the Baseball Ground will be played next Monday, the Football League has decided...

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Outjumping a Grasshopper: Diego Maradona, under pressure from Raimondo Ponte, lets fly during Argentina's tour match against Zurich Grasshoppers on Tuesday evening. Argentina won 1-0.

Brazil win but fail to impress

Brazil, down to 10 men after 30 minutes following the dismissal of Eder, their left winger, started their series of home World Cup warm-up matches with an easy but unconvincing 4-0 victory over a rejuvenated Peru...

Despite dominating throughout, the Brazilians looked far from impressive and committed similar errors to those that led to defeats against West Germany and Hungary on their recent brief European tour...

Eder was sent off on the half hour for punching Peru's right-back Castro. But by then Brazil had opened their account through Casagrande, who scored in the twelfth minute...

But it was only in the later stages that Brazil drove home their advantage. First Alberto scored from the penalty spot after Muller had been brought down from behind by Iussqui...

And then Carera, substituting for Casagrande, received a long ball from Alberto in the last minute and beat goalkeeper Valderrama for Brazil's fourth goal.

Brazil: Victor, Edson, Oscar, Gabriel, Brucato (sub), Sica, Falcão, Soriano (sub), Almeida, Gaudin (sub), Muller, Casagrande (sub), Carera, Iussqui, PEREIRA, Veldar, Castro, Reynoso, Iussqui, Alessi, Vasquez, Martinez, Caballero (sub), Corrales, Loyola, Calero, Castro, Rossi.

Romania have cancelled two international matches against Mexico after claiming air tickets for their squad had failed to arrive. The countries were due to play in Queretaro on April 6 and in Torreon three days later as part of Mexico's warm-up programme for the World Cup finals which began on May 31...

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Grasshopper Zurich 0, Argentina 1. HUNGARIAN CUP: Kuvant 2, Ostar 1. FRENCH CUP: Quarter-finals, second leg: Paris-St Germain 2, Lens 0 (Paris-St Germain 2, Lens 0, aggregate 2-0).

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Burtenshaw's unhappy start

Sieve Burtenshaw's unhappy start as Arsenal's caretaker manager continued as his side were beaten for the second time in 24 hours by Watford on Tuesday night.

After going down 2-0 at Highbury on Easter Monday, Arsenal were defeated 3-0 by an injury-hit Watford side, whose goals came from Samille, Jackett (penalty) and Allen.

Southampton, who face Liverpool in the FA Cup semi-finals on Saturday, did not give their confidence much of a boost by struggling to a 1-1 home draw against relegation-threatened Oxford United.

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RUGBY UNION

London Welsh put their big match before the sevens

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

London Welsh, whose centenary dinner was last night and whose final birthday fixture will be the game against a distinguished President's XV on April 12, will miss next Wednesday's London floodlit sevens at Roehampton.

The sevens - which attracts the other nine London merit table clubs together with Cambridge University, last year's winners, Durham University and Essex - have found new sponsors. This twelfth tournament will be held under the banner of Sturgis and Son - the London estate agents whose principal, George Sturgis, was president of Rosslyn Park five years ago.

There is an interesting pairing at lock where two 1983 Lions play together. Norster, of Cardiff, and Bairdridge, of Exeter, in 1985 before they both played in the semi-final at Villa Park.

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TENNIS Banned Connors may play at Beckenham

Jimmy Connors, who was fined £13,400 and banned from tennis for defaulting in a match in February, may be playing in the Beckenham tournament in June - seven days before his suspension expires.

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GOLF Saunders calls circuit 'a disgrace'

Vivien Saunders, who pioneered the formation of the European women's tour, yesterday described this year's WPGA circuit as "an utter disgrace."

Miss Saunders, a professional for 17 years, is opposed that only seven of 19 tournaments are being played on mainland Britain and she believes that this will put the tour out of reach of many members.

"Lots of the girls cannot afford to play 30 or 35 tournaments a year," she said. "It is an utter disgrace that it should cost them something like £10,000 for the privilege of playing."

Miss Saunders, a solicitor who helped form the tour in 1979, plans playing four events this season: all of them in England. She said: "I will continue to three of them, but I will still cost me around £1,000."

How can anyone expect these girls, many without sponsors, to travel around the Continent? Much more emphasis should be applied to cultivating interest in the home market.

As things stand, the original idea that young girls could turn professional and play is being undermined by a Continental fixation. More than half the total 1986 prize fund (£700,000) will be contested outside Britain. This does not include the £50,000-play British Open, which is under the control of the Ladies Golf Union.

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The cruel test goes on for sad England

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Port of Spain, Trinidad

There being no way of calling the series off on humanitarian grounds, the fourth Test match between England and West Indies, sponsored by Cable and Wireless, starts here today. The rest day is not until Monday, and the odds must be against the game still being alive by then.

The pitch at the Queen's Park Oval is normally at its best for batting at this time of year, and when Australia lost the first three tests of their last series against Australia, they then drew the fourth and won the fifth. But I am clutching at straws: for Australia turned the tables only because the pitches at Melbourne and Sydney were entirely unsuited to the West Indian fast bowlers.

After giving his injured thumb a long rest yesterday morning, Gatting decided reluctantly that it would be wrong for him to play. Even against the medium pace of Gooch and Slack it jarred painfully, and the pitch for today still looked menacingly grassy. In Gatting's absence, Smith has been included in the England squad, in case it is decided to play an extra batsman at the expense of a bowler. Botham hangs on to his place, but not before there had been some discussion as to whether he should.

The West Indians, for their part, show no signs of tiring of their supremacy, which is one of the reasons why, man for man, they are a good deal fiercer than England. Their determination to stay at the top is exemplified by Richards, who trains as hard now as he ever did. None of his side would dare not follow his lead. Even at age of 34, he is their best all-round fielder with the strongest throw of any of them.

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The squads

WEST INDIES (from): I V A Richards, C G Greenidge, D J Haynes, R B Richardson, H A Gomes, JP J Dujon, M D Marshall, RA Harper, M A Holding, J Garner, B P Patterson, C A Walsh.
ENGLAND (from): D J Gower, G A Gooch, RT Robinson, DM Smith, A J Lamb, P Willey, I T Botham, P H Edmonds, J E Emburey, TP R Downton, J G Thomas, R H Ellison.

strated their loyalty to the heroic West Indian team and their love of the game itself as much as their refusal to be swayed by rahble-rousers and people with a distorted vision of reality.

For the moment, at any rate, the anti-apartheid demonstrators are a long way in arrears. But that was a one day game on Monday, with the one-day series still undecided. Interest in the Tests has been badly affected. I am afraid, by England's wretched form.

A great many West Indians would like now to see England win, or at least put up a better show, and it should be some encouragement that when we were here five years ago, Willey, Gooch and Gower all

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Tomlins signs

Gloucestershire, who finished third in last season's county championship, have signed the former Middlesex batsman Keith Tomlins, aged 28, on a two-year contract.

Jarvis fit

Paul Jarvis, Yorkshire's most successful bowler last summer, who had to return early from his winter contract in South Africa because of back trouble, reported fully fit when the club's players resumed training for the new season at Headingley.



Uphill struggle: Kim Andersen, of Denmark, on his way to victory in the Paris-Camembert cycling race

Canada's French Kiss of death

Don Green, chairman of the Canadian Tree North syndicate, has called a halt to his group's America's Cup programme after they ran out of funds last week.

Green, who has donated \$3m out of his own pocket, says that the syndicate, one of two challenging from Canada, needs a further \$5m to complete construction of a second boat and return to Perth for the challenge trials, and has given the team 30 days to garner support from corporate sponsors.

The Canadian funding programme was not helped by the lacklustre performance of the syndicate's first boat, Tree North at the recent 12-metre world championship — a problem heightened later by the resignation of the helmsman, Hans Fogh.

The former Olympic gold medalist, who took over at the helm half-way through the world series, transforming the yacht's performance, left the team after they had been beaten 7-0 by the Mark Pajot-skippered French Kiss in a series of informal match races, complaining of a conflict over strategy between himself and his skipper, Jeff Boyd.

"What the boat lacks is speed. We need to make urgent changes to the hull but instead of making the alterations here in Fremantle, it was decided to ship the boat back to Nova Scotia. That means three valuable months when we should be tuning up against other syndicates and it just won't work." Fogh told me somewhat prophetically a few weeks ago.

Another group facing delays is the American west coast syndicate representing the St Francis Yacht Club headed by Tom Blackaller. Their new yacht, USA, designed by Gary Mull did not measure up as a 12 metre when launched in February and work continues to rectify the design.

Here in Britain, the recent trial of strength competition to find a number of Frank Bryne lookalikes to toil over the powerful coffee grinder winches on the two British 12-metres, has led to two new crew members flying out to Perth to join Harold Cudmore's squad.

Sean Campbell, aged 30, from Arnold, Nottinghamshire, is a 6ft 3in 15½ stone rower and is joined on the flight next week by Paul Rushton, from Maidenhead, a 23-year-old, 6ft 2in rower and rugby enthusiast, weighing more than 17 stones.

Mark Higgins, the 6ft 9in power lifter and discus thrower from Birmingham who tops the scales at 21½ stones and dwarfed all 20 of the original contestants in both strength and stature, plans to join the team in June in time to work up on the second 12 metre, a 70-ft David Hollis design now nearing completion at Hamble.

Cudmore, who is due to take the crew out for a first test sail on Crusader — the first of Britain's two 12-metres — on Saturday said in Fremantle that he was confident that the inclusion of non-sailors in the team would pose no significant problems. This, however, was not the case with a similar experiment carried out recently by the New Zealand syndicate. Their efforts to scour their country for muscle-bound powerhouses came to naught when it was found all of them suffered from seasickness.

Last week's series of short races off Fremantle between the challengers for Australia's defence proved a success for Kevin Parry's Task Force syndicate. Kookaburra II, with Britain's Lawrence Smith acting as guest helmsman, scored 14 wins against 12 gained by Alan Bond's world championship winning Australia III. Australia II, the yacht that won the America's Cup in 1983 won 10 of the races and South Australia gained eight victories.

News this week that work has started on a fourth 12-metre for Dennis Connor's Sail America syndicate set off a spate of announcements from elsewhere in the world. The New Zealanders have set a launch date of June 26 for their third boat. The American Eagle syndicate who launch their first boat on Saturday plan to build another Valentin design immediately and the Alan Bond and Kevin Parry Australian syndicates are vying for tank-testing time at the ship model basin in The Netherlands to test the final lines for Australia IV and Kookaburra III.

Barry Pickthall

GOLF: CONCENTRATION THE KEY TO WINNING A PLACE AT THE MASTERS

Faldo looks for encouragement

From Mitchell Platt, Greensboro, North Carolina

The dogwoods are blooming at Forest Oaks, where the greater Greensboro Open starts today, as they are at Augusta, scene of the US Masters next week, but trying to draw another similarity between the two events is like seeking a comparison between the university match and Hentley.

For the Greater Greensboro Open is an excuse for spectators to enjoy a monumental hinge whereas the US Masters, of course, unfolds amidst a

lavish tea-party atmosphere where the green-blazered members politely applaud the deeds of men like Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson.

Nicklaus and Watson have long since decided that early practice at Augusta is preferable to competing at Forest Oaks. It is hardly surprising as the Greater Greensboro Open is mostly referred to as the "Beer Can Open" with spectators competing with each other to drink more Budweisers and Michigan Clobbs.

With so much at stake it would hardly seem the optimum time for Faldo's concentration to be examined, as the very merry fans rock in the aisles, but in some respects it might be exactly what he needs.

"I like the course, it's more British than most in the States, but I wouldn't mind if it blew a little harder and

EQUESTRIANISM

Leng and the winding road

By Jenny MacArthur

The run-up to next month's world three-day event championships is, in the words of Henrietta Knight, the chairwoman of the selectors, "the most difficult one ever" because of Australia's stringent quarantine restrictions.

But Virginia Leng, the reigning European three-day event champion, and three others of the seven bound for Australia have an additional worry. They are all competing at Badminton on a second horse in a fortnight's time, just five days before flying out to Australia. In Mrs Leng's case the second horse is the brilliant Night Cap who finished third at Badminton last year.

Mrs Leng has driven more than 1,000 miles in the 10 days since her world championship horse, Priceless, went into quarantine at Wyllye, Wiltshire. Night Cap is still based at her home in Gloucestershire along with four other horses which need daily

schooling, so Mrs Leng is making the one and a quarter hour journey between home and Wyllye, where the other riders are based, several times a day.

Night Cap has a final pre-Badminton outing at Brockenhurst this weekend, but Mrs Leng said yesterday that she was concerned that Priceless had taken part in only one event, Aldon, since winning the European championships last September. The length of quarantine for Australia (four weeks in Britain then two more on Torrens Island off Australia) and the cancellation of Crookham, had severely curtailed her preparations.

The other three riders preparing horses for Badminton — Jan Stark (Glenburnie and Sir Watie), Lorna Clarke (Glenroth) and Anne-Marie Taylor (Jimney Cricket) — have their horses based near

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SPORT IN BRIEF

The light brigade

England could wear an unfamiliar sky blue strip in the World Cup finals in Mexico. The red change shirts worn by Bobby Moore and company when they won the Jules Rimet trophy in 1966 are considered too dark for the heat of Mexico.

The blue shirt and shorts have been officially registered as England's second colours because they will keep players cooler in temperatures which are expected to exceed 90 degrees Fahrenheit. The kit manufacturers, Umbro, will use the synthetic material they experimented with last summer.

Rule waived

The International Skating Federation has waived the rule barring amateurs and professionals competing together to allow the sport's top stars to help raise funds for Sports Aid, a joint venture between Bob Geldof's "Band Aid" and UNICEF.

Grand entry

Riders from eight countries will be among the 60 entries in the 31st Wincanton Wheels international cycling grand prix at Beaconsfield on Sunday.

BADMINTON

Clark is about to face her moment of truth

From Richard Eaton, Uppsala, Sweden

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Rugby debate

Two important submissions were being considered last night by the Rugby League management committee. A London-based consortium put forward proposals for the purchase of Fulham which would allow the second division club to commence its fixtures this season. The move for a super league was also being discussed.

England shine

England's Under-18 and Under-16 teams struggled against Wales, then found their teeth against Scotland in the home counties' schoolboys' football tournament at Coventry.

Masters final

Gateshead will stage the final of the British Masters basketball tournament next Wednesday.

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